### THE ISLE OF MAN:

The Legall Proceeding in Man-Shire against SINNE.

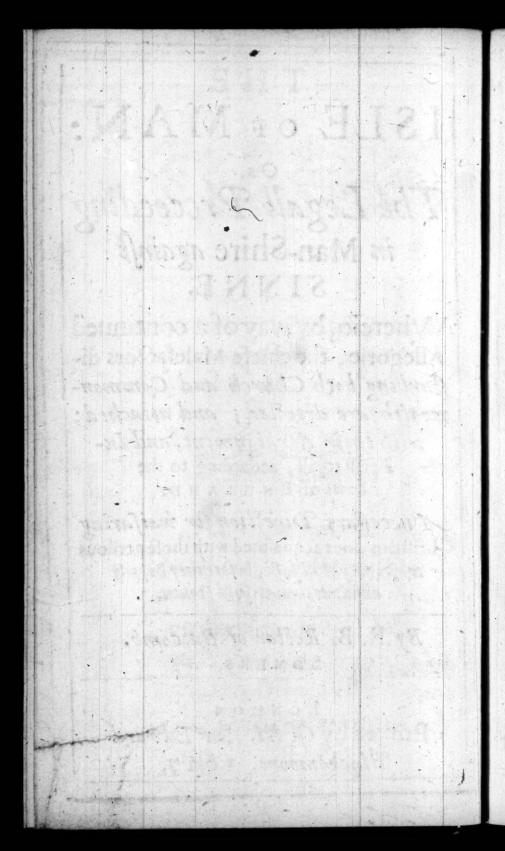
Wherein, by way of a continued Allegorie, the chiefe Malefactors diffurbing both Church and Commonwealth are detected, and attached; with their Arraignment, and Indiciall tryall, according to the Laws of England.

A necessary Direction for waifaring Christians, not acquainted with those perilous mayes they must passe, before they happily arrive at their w shad Hauen.

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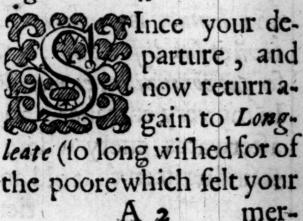


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Worshipfull, Sr. THOMAS
THYNNE Knight, and to his
religiously affected Ladie, the
Lady CATHERIN THINNE:
All saving graces, in the blessed way
unto eternall comforts, are
vaseignedly we shed.

Right Worlbipfull,



mercies in fet times of reliefe and daily almes ) it was my hap to trauell into, and thorough out the whole Ile of Man: now its viuall with Trauellers to discourse of their journeying, & to relate their Obferuations. And therefore let none obiect and say vnto me that of Persins, Scire tuum nihilest, nisite (cire hoc (ciat alter? For I found goods in my pains taking: and bonum is communicativuet sui diffusivum, and so quo comunius, eo melius. In my very entrance, and afterwards every where I found written that old antient

### The Epistle Dedicatory. tient precept, Nosete ipsu. This lesson I began to take out with diligent observa- osauror. tion. And it brought to my mind the Apostles charge, Quisque exploret seipsum, which I laboured to put in practife, and so befought myselfe in my selfe; for, I remembring that faying long fince learned, Orbis quisque sibi necte que siueras extra. Thus my trauell became very profitable to me; and the variety of fights with all procured de light, & turned my paines into pleasure. In my trauelling, I came to the County towne, or

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chiefest Seate there called Soule. Where I rested for sometime, because it fell out to be the Affise weeke, for all that Iland, Where I specially marked how in all things they proceeded against Malefactors, according to the Lawes of England: in this onely lyeth the difference: there is neuer but one ludge, whereas wee haue euer two appointed in enery Circuit, as wee haue now in this Westerne, very honorable and religious Iudges, quos honoris causa non pos-Sum non nominare, Sir Iohn VValter, Lordchiefe Barron,

ron, and Sir Iohn Denham, an other worthy Barron of the Exchequer, louers of vertue and iustice.

And indeed, such ought Indges to be, as was and is this Iudge in Man. He is a Iudge of lethroes choice & verax, & dei timeris, & Osor turpis lucri. He is divinely given, prudent, impartiall, and very quick vpon good information, in dispatch of causes. He was worthily attended, as he ought euer to be with a worthy Shiriffe, with Iustices of Peace, Knights & Esquires, Gentlemen of fingular note & fame A 4

Exod, 18.

fame in that Countrie. This I heard of them, and it appeared by their practife, that they all stand for the maintenance of the lawes, they see their Soueraigne well served, instice duely observed, and judgement executed accordingly.

They never side with any, for they hate faction-Pride and envie, two restlesses Make-bates, for notorious misdemeanour. I saw bound to the good behaviour. So as now there a Cæsar like spirit, patitur superiorem, and a Pompey suum parem. They runne all

all one course, and as true Israelites, quasi vir vnus for publick good. Therefore doe the people liue in peace, the land prospereth, instice flourisheth, vertue is exalted, vice suppressed, and the enemies at home and abroad made to feare.

The whole discourse of this excellent order, and carefull proceedings there by me observed, from my first enterance vnto the end, I heere do present vnto your Worships, not doubting of such an acceptance, as the delight in reading, and the prosit, by a

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right vse, may justly procure, and so I doe humbly take leaue

Batcomb
Decemb. 6.

Your worships in all

Christian services

at command,

RICHARD BERNARD.

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# THE AVTHORS earnest requests



IRST to the
Worthy Reader whoseuer, to whom
let mee but
say thus much

of this Discourse allegoricall narration, that in it sicut bona sunt quædam memoria, sunt mala nulla: Yet if any thing may seeme distastfull, let thy minde

### The EpiAle

minde be to take it well as Calars was, to interpret well the
leeming offensive carriage of one
Allius the Poet towards him,
and thou wilt not be displeased.
Thy good minde will prevent
the taking of an offence, where
none is intended to be given. In
discovery, attaching, arraigning and condemning of sin, I
taxe the Vice, and not any
mans person, so as I may say
with one,

Hunc servare modum nostri nouere libelli,

Parcere personis, discere de vitijs.

Thou hast heere towards the end of this discourse, the triall and indgement upon foure notorious Malefactors. Two of them the very prime Authors of all the open rebellion, or secret

cret Conspiracies, which at any time ener were in that Isleland. The other two were the principall Abettours, and the chiefest Supporters of them. Their names, their natures, and their mischieuous practises thou maist sinde at large in the narration.

There should have beene at that Assises with these, the arraignement of certaine suspected Witches: but this was pre-uented because the Grand-Inrie Gentlemen could not agree to bring in their Billa vera: for that they made question of divers poynts whereof they could not bee resolved at that present.

1. Whither the afflicted did Suffer by onely sound violent diseases in nature, producing strange

### The Epifile

Sedoct Cottables triall of Witches.

Strange effects like practises of Witch-craft? Which for want of a indicious Physitian they could not discerne.

2. Whither the afflitted were a counterfeit, as was one Marwood, the Boy of Billon, and one Mary Brasier? Or that he or shee having some naturall disease, did make wie thereof, and counterfeited the rest, as one Mainy did, who was troubled with the hysterica passion?

Whither being a disease supernaturall, yet might come upon the afflicted by the operation of the dinel, without any association of a Witch, as it happened to lob, and others in the Enangelists? Or, that the afflicted hath a dinel, and is a Witch, and hath by his or her owne maies, brought this enill

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upon him or her, without the practice of any other Witch?

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4. Whither they might proceede upon meere presumptious against the suspected, or rather stay till they had more certaine and grounded proofes?

5. Whither they could (none of them being read in any learned tractates touching the practifes of Witches) rightly examine the suspected, to finde out a Witch, and so to bring him or her deservedly under the power of authority?

If there come forth, by the leave of authority, a Guide to Grand-Iury men in causes of Witch-crast; my sute is, that they would be pleased to accept of my well meaning therein. In which al these points before are fully handled; as also, That there

### The Epistle

there are witches, who are most Subiett to be made Witches. How they prepare themselues for the divel. How Satan draweth them to a league, and becometh fumiliar with them. That there are good Witches, and the signes to know them. That there are bad Witches, and how they practife, & what it is that they can doe, and how many things must concurre in bemitching. What are the signes to know one to bee bemitched. That Witches may be detected What are strong presumptions. of a Witch: what are the certaine euidences against such an one: how throughly to examine awitch, with many other particulars in 28 distinct chapters fully, & yet mith great breuity. The death of fine, brethren & fisters

fifters lately codemned, & executed for witches, one more yet remaining, formerly brought before a ludge, and now in danger to be questioned againe, hath moved me to take this paines, not to preuet instice, nor to hinder legal proceedings, but that I may not be mistaken nor wronged, as I was once, and more should have beene; had not the wisedome and goodnesse of so reverend a Indge accepted gratiously of my upright apologie against vaine accusers

I made a Petition then to my Lord the Iudge, to the work thy Master Shiriffe, and to all the Worshipfull on the Bench, which I am bold to renew againe now more publikely, because it pleased that reverend Iudge so well to like thereof, & to second it. The

### The EpiAle

The state of poore prisoners is well knowne, and how their soules safety is neglected: and yet our Saniour gane such a testimony to a penitent theese, as he never gave to any mortall man else, for he told him, that he should be that day with him in Paradise.

How bleffed a worke would it be to have maintenace raifed for a learned, godly and grave Divine that might attend to instruct you daily. Twelve pece a quarter of one parish with an other in our count, would encourage some compassionate holy man thereunto; and what is this? Not a mite out of every mans purse to save soules?

If with this instruction there should be meanes to set them also on morke, they might get

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somewhat for food, for raymet. They might so prevent the miserable fruits of sloth; their mindes would bee employed, their bodies bee preserved in health, and not pine away, and be cosumed with vermine. Yea, enforced labour there, would terrifie loose vagrants lazie wanderers, the idle rout from turning theenes more, then either imprisonment or death bi therto bath done. And besides, such as should escape, would by this heavenly meanes of in-Arustions, and bodily labour become, through Gods mercy, more profitable members in the Common-Weale afterwards: whereas now they become twife more the children of Belial, then they were before. Oh that the honourable my Lords

### The Epifile.

Lords the ludges, the now religiously affected Master Shiriffe, whose the Goale is for the time being, the worthy Iustices of the Country, with other Christianly minded Gentlemen would be pleased to take this matter into a deepe consideration, and in the bowels of mercy commiserate their case. The worke surely would ble se them, all that Bould come reformed hereby, whither they should live or die, would praise Godfor it, and pray for ables sing upon them and theirs for euer.

My sute is to every keeper of a prison, if they be no kinne to Master Newman, the Goaler in this discourse, that yet they would take acquaintance of him, and become better knowne

knowne to him. That their prifoners may by their vertues, & religious care be better disposed.

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My request to poore prisoners is, to redeeme their time ill spent: to call to God for mercy and pardon; and to mone them heereunto, let them in serious meditation put themselves in minde of these things. 1. That their liberty abused, God hath by the hand of authority taken from them, as vnworthy to line freely in a Common: Wealth. 2. That as they neglected and despised spirituall meanes of Saluation, they are now deprined thereof. 3. That as before they delighted onely mith wicked company, now are they shut up one with another together. 4. That their

their ragges are ensignes to them of their ragged conditions. 5. That their filth and ver. mine telleth them of their filthie conversation, and their many sinnes and corruption. 6. That their mant of food is a punishment for such of them, as have abused Gods blessings to gluttony, drunkennesse, and the fruites thereof, wantonnes, and filthy uncleanne Se.7. That their prison is as it were api. Eture of hel to minde them of their end whither they are going, if they doe not amend. 8. That their expecting of the Assises, is an instruction to look for Iesus the Indge of all the world. 9. That their chaines, fetters and bolts teach them to consider the nature of their sinnes, which hold them bound

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to answer at the Barre of Gods instice. 10. That their desire of life by a Psalme of mercy, should move them to desire eternall life, through the mercies of God in Iesus Christ, who will be gracious to every true beleeving penitent: which graces (poore prisoners) God send you: and seare onely to die eternally.

Before I end, I have a sute to all that professe the law, that if in this allegorie, fetched from such termes, as best knowneto them, then to my selfe, I do mistake, they would be pleased to passe ouer that, comake use with me of the spiritual sence, which is the drift of my sabour heerein. And so at the length, I take leave, with my prayer to God for the peace

The Epistic. of Ierusalem, and for a prosperous successe to all that lone the Israel of God, with our Countries glory and safety, Amen. Amen's The Market tiled God to Lotte Charlest post a literary Land of the roused the orders of the course little of trait in the da the char of in this after the crebed from their terms a THE OWNER WILL BE STORY TO THE STORY printed the printed and made of entitions of the colored to be a वर कार्य नेता है। जिल्ली किए रेसेल हैं के



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The Legall Proceedings in Man-shire.

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Let vs search & try our waies.



Prophet I a-R B M Y in his dayes, full of lamentation,

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also partaking with others of those miseries, which befell the state of the Iews, iustly procured at Gods hands for their fins, doth heere give them advice what was best to be done, that in this their distresse GOD might shew them mercie; and that was to repent and turne vnto the Lord, to the effecting whereof hee counselleth them two thingslaid down in my Text. 1. To search out sinne. 2. and to put it to triall.

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stole from Angels their excellency of glory, from our first Parents their innocencie. This is hee that robbeth vs of our graces, the spirituall money which we have in the purses of our heart, to helpe vs in our iourney to heauen. This Villaine bereaueth vs of our goods, driueth away our Cattell, spoileth vs of euery temporal bleffing of our health, our peace, our libertie, and plenty. Heit is that veterly vndoeth vs, and

Pro. 5.23.

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ment. Hee smothereth Conscience for speaking: hardeneth the Heart for feeling; blindeth the Indement from discerning; stoppeth the Eare from hearing any good counsell: lameth the Feet from walking in Gods pathes: benummeth the Hands from doing duties of Charitie, and maketh the Tongue to falter in speaking of holy things. Neither yet doth he this only; but he worketh Enmitie betwixt his Fauourite & his best friend, euen betweene God and his own Conscience, And to make vp the height of his

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pocritical vain-glorie, and Couetousnesse lethim into the hearts of Ananias & Saphira; for vaine-glorie made them fell all, and to make a shewe to bee like Barnabas: but Couetousnesse with vnbeliefe aduifed them to withhold fom of the money, least they should happen to want: but how to do this, & keep their credit they knew not; therefore Hypocrisie, Vaineglorie, Couetou nelle, and Vnbeliefe called in Sarah to heare his Counfell, who taught them to lye vnto the Holy Ghost, but to the death of them both. Thus

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This vigilant Watch-man hath with him two Asistants ever to accompanie him; the one is Lone-good, a zealous fellow for God & good duties: the other is Hate-ill, an angry and waspish fellow, and of a fierce countenance against sin.

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any thing, at any time, he

should mis behaue him-

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These three euer keepe together, so as Sinne cannot so cunningly enter, but they can as quickly espie him, and as speedily pursue him, and put him to slight.

The place where these are set Watch-men is called Soules-towne, a towne of great resort, a thorow-sare, neuer without ill motions; the Trauellers, day and night, and the Posts which are Satans suggestions, cuer and anon passe thorow, and many at the Common Inne, the Heart

This Towne is very spacious

take vp their lodgings.

The Towne.

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The Inne.

The Isle of Man. 14 cious and large, for besides many Back-sides, By-lanes, and Out-corners, there are foure great streets: Scafe-Streets. freet, Thought-freet, Wordfreet and Deed-ftreet; in some of which this lewd companion Sinne, and his Cope-mates will be found wandering. When the watch is fet, they have a Charge given Charge. them by one in Authoritie, which is this, Keepe thy Dent. 4. 9. Soule diligently : and with-Pro. 4. 23. all to have a watchfull eye to the Inne, and to take heed least at any time there be an beart of infidelitie to Heb.3.12,13 depart from the lining God: com-

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Watch-men to exhort one another daily, least their hearts be hardened with the deceit fulnesse of sinne.

These Watch-men have also a Watch-word given them, even a word of preuenting Grace; saying to them, This is the way, walke in it, when they are turning to the right hand or to the left.

To this Watch-word, Godly-Ielosie with his Associates doe diligently attend, keeping carefully the watch, so as the Thiese is descried, & presently they make Hue and Crye after him. This Watchword.

Efa.30.21.

Hue & Cry.

This Hue and Crie is written by the Bible-clarke, and containeth infallible markes to discouer sinne, whereby it may be certainly knowne; and they are these:

How to know sinne.

commandements: for by it comments the knowledge of sinne: for every failing in that which is commanded, and every thought, word, & deed against that

Rem.3.20. 7.7. 1 Ioh 3.4.

> 2. By every exhortation to vertue, and every dehortation from vice: being appendices to the Commandements, shewing

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2. Chr. 19. 2. 1. Sam 3.29. 7. By reproofes & checks for Sinne, 2. Chron. 19.2.

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21.8. Pro. 11. 1. Mich. 6.

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9. By the description of Sinne, shewing what it is, as in, 1.10.3,4.6.5.17. Rom. 14.23. Pro. 21.4.6.24.9.

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of godly men negatively, by such things as they ought to avoide, as in Pfal. 1.1.6
15.3, 5.6 24.4. Ezek. 18.
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doe away all mine offences.

This Hue and Cry must not be let flip at any hand, but be carried along in the pursuite, least in following of Sin, men be deceived. and solide Vertues bee attached instead of Vices. For this wee must knowe, as Vices have not a fewe friends, as after shall bee shewed; so Vertues have many Enemies readie to informe against them, that they may be pursued after as Malefactors, that Sinne in the meane while may seeke shelter and escape; and the enemies are thefe:

Virtues
Enemies.
1. Outfide.

I. One Mr. Outside, in

the infide a Carnall Securitan, a fellow that will come to his Church, keep his Sun-dayes and Holydayes. But yet in the Congregation while he fitteth amongst others, sometimes he is nodding, and sometimes fast a sleep; and if heabide waking, then is his mind wadring abroad, so as he remaineth still ignorant, without any effeaual power of the Word; and beeing out of the Church he is presently vpon his worldly businesse.

This fellow cannot abide any after meditation, or Christian Conference with with others of that which he hath heard; and if hee espie any meeting together for this purpose, then he maketh information a gainst them, and is readie to send the Hue and Crie, as against a priny Schismaticall conventicing & vulgar Ignoramus, and a blockish Adversarie.

2. Wicked worldlywife.

to God, a selfe-conceited earth-worme, whose wis

dome is from belowe, and therefore fenfuall, earthly, and divelifh, who proudly

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3. The third is, St. Luke-warm, this fellow is a temporizing time-server, Iack on both sides, hee is all in the praise of moderation and discretion, one verie indifferent between this & that: Hee cannot endure servent zeale; but would have Hue and Criesent a fiery

mad-brain'd rashnes.

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3. Lukewarme. The Isle of Man.

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4. The Fourth is, S. Plausible Civill, a fashiona ble fellow framed to a commédable outward behaujour for ciuility, but in matter of Religion he hath no more but what he hath by common education, custome and example of others. To the life of Religion he is a stranger: strick feruing of God, & a more narrow fearch of our waies he holds to be foolish scrupulofitie, and is defirous to haue the Hue and Crie sent out against it, as a gainst phantasticall precisnesse.

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6. Libertine.

6. The fixt is, one Liber. tine, this licentious fellow hath a Chiuerell conscience, caring for nothing but how to passe on along his life in pleasurable contentments. Religion by him is held to be but a deuised Policy to keepe men in awe of a Deity; and therefore when hee feeth Religion to be made conscience of, hee presently causeth Hue and Crie to bee made against it, as against Hypocrisie. This prophane enemy laugheth at, and mocketh Christia. 7. The nity.

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7. The sewenth is, Scrupulositie: this is an vnsociable and a snappish fellow, he maketh fins to himfelf more then the law condeneth & liueth vpon fault finding.weaker Apprehesion is his Father, & Mis-under-Standing his Mother, & an Vncharitable hart his nurfe. The vse of Christian liberty if it be more in his conceipt then hee pleafeth to like well of then would he haue the Hue & Crie fent against it as against Carnal security. This is a ridged & censorious Aduersarie.

8. The eight is the Babbling Babilonian: this is a

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7.Scrupulofitie.

8.Babiloni an. doating companion, and superstitionsly foolish: he boasteth of antiquity, though his waies bee Nonelty: yet hee will have it the Old Religion, and if any forfake it as Idolarry, those he condemneth for Schifmaticks, and labours to haue the Hue and Crie fent out against all Reformation in Christian Churches as against Herefie. This is abloudy Antichristian Aduerfarie.

These are the principall Informers (for I passe by petty companions) which endeuour to misleade the pursuer of sinne, and to

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fet him to actach very eminent and excellent Vertues for Vices. Therefore it is necessary to have Sinne fet out by markes infallible in the Hue and Crie: else this fubtill Villaine Sinne will craftily beguile the purfuer, and will escape either by the shiftes which he canne make to deceiue him, or by his many friends he hath to keepe him from bei ng apprehended.

The shifts which comonly a thiefe maketh to escape in his flying away, are two.

1. Is his Counterfeiting the habit of an honest man: so Sinne craftily putteth

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vpon himselfe the shew of Vertue as Iebu did peace, for the getting of a Kingdome, and establishing of it to himselfe: whose sinne was couered with a preten. ded and hypocriticall zeale for the Lord. Ananias and Sapbira made thew of liberality like that of Barna. bas, not discernable till Peter discouered it. For as Saran can transforme himfelfe into an Angell of light, and his Apostles into the Apostles of Christ: so canne Sinne, the feede of Satan, put vpon it selfe the counterfeit of virtue.

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his name, and by affuming the name of an honest man oftentimes escapes away; and after this manner also escapeth sinne, Vice getting vpon it the name of Vertue. And fo Drunkennesse escapeth vnder the name of goodfellowship; conetousnes under the name of Good-busbandry; Filthy Ribaldry, under the name of Merimet, Pride of apparell, under the name of Decencie and Handsomenes; bloudy Revenge for wrongs offered, escapeth under the name of Valour. Foolifb Wastfulnes, vnder the name of a franke and liberall difposition; position; Superstition vinder the name of Denotion of Fore-Fathers and the old Religion. Remissions, in punishing Gentlenes; Flatterie, vinder the name of Vnoffensuenes; Luke-warmnesse in Religion vinder the praise of Discretion, and many such like soule Vices, doe thus deceitfully hide themselves and so escape vnattached.

If by these his shifts hee cannot escape Godly-iealousie, that constant pursuer, the wil he seek to be holpen by his kindred and friends: for sin hath many, who wil either so desend him, or ex-

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and canne finde no fault with fin, and soendeuoureth to send the pursuer another way.

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3. The third is his Coufin Opinion, and this will hold the purfuer with a long and tedious disputation, questioning the Act, whither it bee a sinne or no? And will endeauour by probabilities to make it no finne, that so he might make the pursuer to desist. Thus sinnes of profit and fuch as may preuent certaine dangers are disputed, Pro & Con, as menfay, The finne of Vsurie by many is brought vnder Opinion, as law-

4. Subtilty.

lawfull some way.

So the Sinne of Idolatry to goe and heare a Masse without inward reuerence, as it was difputed in Queene Maries daies, to preuent the eminent danger of death then; Many fins euident enough are made disputable, if they yeeld profit, or be delightfome to the flesh, or fuch as may helpe to keepe a mans person or state in safetie; for all these Opinion wil be a Proctour.

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4. The fourth is, one Mr. Subtiltie, his wit being attended on by little Conficience of the Truth. This

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man commeth with his distinctions to cleere an Act from finne; thus with his latria, & doulia he wil haue Idolatry no Idolatry: fo with his biring and not biting, and lending to the rich vpon Vie, but not to a needie brother, damned Viurie must bee no sinne. This Subtilty of wit with a chiuerell Conscience maketh fowle finnes to paffe along as no finnes.

5.Custome. Mat. 27.18: 10.21.26. The fift is called Castome; this old Syre patronizeth many vaine and finfull practifes. By this the lewes held it no finne in them to demand, and in

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Romish Synagogue are

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8. Sampler.

thus countenanced.

8. The eight is Sir Sampler, who produceth for patternes great mens and learned mens examples, as

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learned mens examples, as if they could not doe a misse: but whatsoeuer they doe or say, it must be good and lawfull, and therefore imitable without sinne.

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9. The ninth is Sir Most-doe, who maintaineth sinne from a generall practise, because multitudes do it heere and there & every where; and there fore no sinne to doe such a thing which almost all or the greatest part doe.

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hide it for a time that it bee not taken by the pursuer with the Hue and Crie, such were the Hypocriticall Scribes and Pharisees.

These great ones and many other moe are the friends of this Thiese and Rebell: but yet for all these Fauourites godly islousie espies him out, and his harbour, and presently goeth to a suffice of Peace to procure a warrant for the Constable to attach him, and all his companions with him.

The Iustice is not one of a meane ranke or any pettic Iustice, but the very

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Lord Chiefe Instice of heauen and earth, the Lord lesus: For it is hee that can give the warrant to attach sinne, no other warrant will sinne obey.

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The Warrant is the Power of Gods Word. The Forme of which warrant is, (as you see in my Text) to search out and attach sinne, with all his Associates and to bring him and them before Authority to answer to such things as shall be objected against them, in his Maie-

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in this spiritual Towneship is the Vnderstanding darkened, the sonne of Ignorance and grandchilde of Blindnesse of Heart: this is a blinde Constable, and hath neuer an eye to see with.

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This fuffers all disorder in the whole man or Soule-Towne-ship. Heere be such as bee alienated from the life of God, past feeling, given ouer to worke all vncleannes with greedinesse. All the affections are quite out of order, and no care taken for their reformation: for this foolish sellow imployeth himselfe about

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of the Commandement; he is wholly ignorant of. This purblinde Tythingman suffers a number of disorders in his Towne-ship, and must be much vrged to see very grosse and soule misdemeanours; else will hee not seeke to reforme them.

3. The Pettie Constable which is some civill honest man of the Parish, and perhaps hath some Countrie learning, but yet is an one-eyed fellow, halfe sighted, and so passeth by many faults.

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3.Pettie Constable.

Vnderstanding somewhat cleered. what cleered: hee hath an infight into the Morall Law, who by citill education, some art and learning, & an outward forme of Religion, and reading in the Bible now and then, can speake of the Gospell Historically, and prettily discourse of Religion.

But this his knowledge is onely superficiall, for neither in the Common-Law which is the Law Morall, neither in the Statute Law, the Law of the Gospel or Law of Libertie is hee any professed studient. He is no Innes-of-Court man, neuer brought vp

vp in the Inner Temple.He maketh neither the Common nor Statute Law his profession.

As he is no Student in these; so is he no practitioner but only aymeth at ciuil behauiour, common honestie, and careth to be held onely a Christian at large, and to professe the Religion of the present state, without any more curious endeuour to proceede farther to finde out the power of Religion.

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Therefore where this kinde of vnderstanding dwelleth there care is had D 2 onely

onely to fee to discord; and against civill honestie and common morall duties, and against courses apparantly dangerous to his outward estate; and those things which may offend the most or the greatest fort amongst men. This halfe-fighted Constable, superficial fellow in divine truth aymeth at no more.

The finnes immediate ly against God and against his Gospell, as unbeliefe, impatience, pride, difdaine, enuie at other mens guifts, prelumption of Gods mercie, abuse of his fauours and many fuch he

taketh

permitteth them to live where he hath to do without controule.

4. The Head or chiefe Constable is a man of a right and good vnderstanding, knowing his office, and the duties thereto belonging with care and conscience to discharge the same: for hee is studious in both lawes, and a good practitioner therein.

This Chiefe Constable is Illuminated understanding: this is one, that hath both his eyes to see with, of nature and of grace, hee is well read both in the D 2 Com-

4. Chiefe Constable.

Illuminated understanding. I Cor 2

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His Family.

Common Law, the Law Morall, and the Statute Law, the law of liberty, the Gospell of Christ, he hath beene a long Practitioner in both, and is called the spiritual man who can discerne & judge of al things.

The place of his common abode and dwelling is in Regeneration, a very healthfull, comfortable & commodious habitation. Hee is no stragler, but loueth to keepe home and to looke to his office.

Hee hath an excellent Familie, his Wife is called Grace; his two sonnes, will, and Obedience; his three daugh-

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daughters Faith, Hope, and Charitie; his two servants, Humility and Selfe-denyall; and his two maides, Temperance for his Summer-house of Prosperity, and Patience for his Winter-house of adversitie.

This Chiefe Constable where he dwells, keepeth very good order, he suffereth not the rebell sinne to rule and swagger in the Towne ship of his soule.

If Drunkennes, as once in Noah, or Adultery, as once in Danid, or Pride of heart, as once in Hezekiah, or Enuic, as once in Miri-

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am, or fuch like happen to bee found where hee hath to doe, he speedily sendeth them packing. For though they may at vnawares perhaps creepe in and bee found where he dwelleth, in some Streete of his Towne, yet they get there no abiding place. Though he cannot ever and at .all times preuent their creeping in, yet hee alwaies taketh care that they settle not themselves where hee hath to doe, but will dislodge them wherefoeuer he shall finde them, for he is very carefull in his office, to discharge it to the This vtmost.

This Chiefe Constable is he to whom Godly-Ielousie bringeth his Warrant to seeke out the rebell Sinne and to attach him.

This Constable having received the warrant, prefently addresseth himselfe to make the fearch. But for that sinne is Masterfull(especially euery capitall Sin, which is attended on by many other) and will not eafily submit, but dare make opposition against authority, till he bee ouermastered; therefore this man taketh with him fufficient companie, to watch sinne for escaping, to goe very

The first of these is Care to finde our finne that it may not be hid.

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These are able to take prisoner the sturdiest Rogue, the stoutest Rebel, & strongest Thiese. What Sinne in the soules is it, which this Chiese Constable with his men, his neighbour, Godly Sorrow and his seuen sonnes cannot ouermaster, and leade by Gods grace Captive and make it the Kings Prisoner.

As the Constable goeth with these his many neighbours, and with his owne servants to the number of tenne besides himselfele, a couple of busie sellowes

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lowes vncalled, thrust in themselues to increase the number.

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The one of these is Selfe-lone a pestilent fellow, for hee not onely can hinder the Constables diligence in taking paines to fearch, but in fearching to be too partiall and ouer respective to himselse, if the sinnes sought after bee either pleasurable or profitable : but also withall, hee can dull the spirit of godly forrow, and doe his feuen sons very great mischiese, as by their confessions afterward it doth appeare. ThereTherefore when the Constable Vnderstanding espieth him, hee commandeth forthwith his servant Selfe-deniall to put him out of the company for hindering the search.

The other is Selfe-conceit; The former lewd companion disordereth all the affections: this blindeth iudgement, by the ouerweening of a mans selfe, and will picke the warrant out of the Constables pocket, and will blow out the candle-light which is in the Constables hand, if hee bee not preuen-

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generation of men, & make them to thinke them elues pure in their owne eyes and fight, and yet are not washed from their filthinesse. Such a conceited foole was the Laodicean Angell.

The Constable therfore commandeth his man Humilitie to thrust this soole and knaue out of their company before they make search for sinne: for is these be suffered to goe along with the rest, labour is but lost, sinne will neuer be found out and attached.

Now when the Constable hath ridde away these two Pro.30.12.

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nions (for they viually goe together) then hee goeth on to the place where hee knoweth that finne hath taken up his lodging.

The Inne Mistresse Hearts house. The place is a Common Inne, an Harlots house called Mistress Heart, a receptacle for all Villaines, Whores, and Thieses, and for all dishonest persons whatsoeuer, none denied house-roome or harbour there.

And that shee is such a dishonest woman is cleere and euident as in her arraignement shall be fully proued.

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But to couer her naughtinesse as much as shee may, shee hath gotten into her house one called Oldman, corrupted by her deceitfull lusts, to become her husband, when indeede shee is his owne daughter, and so live they in incest together, & keepe rout and ryot night and day. If any honest Traueller (a good and godly motion) happen sometimes to fall in there vnawares, hee is straightway denied entertainement. Her answer is by and by, that her lodgings are taken vp for other manner of men,

Oldman. Ephel 4,23.

I. Hearing

uer was open to let in fin, as, wee may learne in the Serpents beginning to

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At this doore, entereth in Lying, Slandering, Backbuing, filchy Communication, Flattery, Swearing, Error, Herefie, Falle-doctrine, Tale-bearing, Blafphemie, and with thefe enter also ill Opinions of one another, vnchatitable iudging, Ill suspition, rash credulity, and many other finnes caused and committed by the tongue through want of wifedome and charity.

The second is the doore of Seeing at this enter in the lusts of the eye: Fornication, Adultery, Couetous-nes, Desire, of N aboths Vi-

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The first is Love, set all on pleasures, profits, honours, and wholly vpon worldly and fleshly Vanities; contrary to that in 1 loh. 2. 15. Love not the world, nor the things that are in the world.

3. Hatred.

The second is Hatred, which is contrary to Love, setting it self against Gods Word, good men & good things, a mischeiuous maid ever setting one another at odds, and disquieting often the whole house and the rable of guests.

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courses, euen to walke wilfully or in euill, as being without hope.

The seventh is, Feare, which passion doth so slauishly captinate the minde, as it will make a man forget his dutieto God, fo as he may escape danger with men, as it did Peter, and Pilate.

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Exod 12,30.

TI. Anger.

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The elementh is Anger, which commeth vpon a man not onely for apparant iniurie as on Danid against Nabal but vpon imagined wrongs, as on Haman against Mordecai, Naaman against Elisha, and Abab against Michalah.

There is no Passion contrary to this: for though quietnesse bee contrary to Anger, yet its no passion: therefore there are but eleuen as Thomas Aquinas teckons them.

Inhis Sums.

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Besides these attending very diligently on Mistress Heart, shee hath a man seruant called will.

This will hath three at command under him, the Feete, the Hand, the Tongue, like the Hosteler, Tapster, and Chamberlaine. All these are at Mistresse Hearts and her Maides commands.

If Lone in a Maide affect a young man, though all her friends bee against it: yet marke how shee sets will on worke for her. I Will have him (saith shee) though I never have good day with him. Will heere E 4 must

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made the feete to runne,

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hands to receive. So in ludas to betray Christ, will must doe it. What will you give me? And I Will deliuer hims deliuer him into your hands? Thus to these and all other Passions, this will is made a packehorse, a slaue, and without him they can doe nothing. will is the man that must cuer doe the deede for every Passion, though they bee contrary one to another: miserable is his service, that must be commanded by fo many Mistresses, and so disagreeing among themselues one from another. E 5

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The Ifle of Man.

Prouision.

When the Heart hath entertained her guests thus as you have heard, and received them into her Dyning-reome, provision is presently made for them, yea shee hath it ever readie for them, as never being without manie guests.

Table Instability. The Table is spread which all must sit at, and this Table is Instabilitie: for inconstant are the thoughts of the whorish Heart.

The Table therefore is not square, but round, turning about both for more company, and also that her

guests may take their places every one of them as they come, without discontent.

For albeit there bee degrees and differences of finnes, yet to her they are alike welcome, one as well as another: although some at one time sit neerer to her then at another, as guests doe that sit at such a round Table.

The Table-cloath that concreth it is Vanitie: for upon Instability with such vicious guests, what can there bee but Vanity. This Salomon found in all his Inventions, Eccles. 1.

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The Isle of Man. Bread. The Bread fet on the Table is the Fitne fe of euery Sins proper object, without which sinne Actuall can no more live then a man without bread. The Salt, which feafo-Salteneth fins appetite to feede it selfe, is Oportunitie, for time, for place, for person; this sharpeneth sinne to be working, as the apetite to receive food, when it is well feafoned. The Trenchers, to eate Trenchers. on are Strength of eueric mans Nature to act Sinne Sut I Jud and dia The Napkins, to make Napkins. cleane their handso and mouth

mouth in eating are the pretended shewes of Vertue, contrarie to these Vices, by some good workes ( fo they wipe their mouthes, as the Harlot in the Prouerbes ) and by some good deede of either one kinde or other ourwardly done, and thus they wipe cleane their fingers, and will not be thought to bee the vncleane persons which they are taken for a sound lland and

The Dishes of Meate set before them are onely three.

The first is the Lusts of the Flesh & this is served up

Dishes of meate.

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in the Plate of Plasure.

Of this Dish feedeth hartily Adultery, Fornication, Incests, and all other of the like nature.

2. Eyes.

The second Dish is Lust of the eyes, and this is ferued up in the Platter of Profit.

Hereon feedeth Couetousnesse, Viurie, Oppression, Bribery, Extortion, Vnhonest gaine and such like. Of one of these two Dishes doe all sinnes taste, except the sinne of Swearing, in which is lewd profannesse of Heart, but neither pleasure nor profit as in other sinnes: though

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88 The Isle of Man. are made to pay well. The Drinke which they Drinke. drinke to make them digeft there meate is the Pleafarablenesse of sin for the prefent. The Waiters at this Ta-Waiters. ble to give attendance that nothing be wanting are the Elewen Maides, with will there man. These Harlors humour their guests and are ready at a becke to give contentment. Where Incontinencie fits, there wanton Loue will waite. Where Displeasure is, there Hatred will attend. Where

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Where Couetousnes is, there vnsatiable Desire will be.

Where Flattery, that base-humoring disposition to get grace and samour sitteth, there Feare to offend will stand by.

Where Impatience takes his place, there Anger is ready waiting to doe his will.

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Where Inconsideratenesse sits, there Andacity and Foole-hardinesse will waite.

Where sullen Malecontentednes sits, there Dispaire will soone give attendance.

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Taking away. Vexation of Spirit. After full feeding followes the taking away of these Dishes of Pleasure, Profit and honour.

Now where Vanity was the Table-cloth, what can the taking away bee, but Vexation of Spirit as Solomon speakes: for it is with these, as with guests in an Inne,

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Inne, all merrie and pleafant while they bee eating and drinking, till the Chamberlaine commeth to take away & giveth them a round reckoning, and then they take to their purses with almost a deepe silence: so vnpleasing is payment on a suddaine.

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The place they lye in, is but one roome for all their guests, but it is large enough for all: the roome is Naturall Corruption.

In this roome lyeth Mistresse Heart, all her Maides, Lodging.

Naturall corruption.

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	Flattery, Faint-heartednes, hypocrifie and dissimula-
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	Rashnesse, Daring, despe- rate attempts, & such like
Of Anger.	g. In the Bed of Anger doe lye, Impatiencie, Ray ling, Back-biting, Quarrel
	ling, Murther, and fuch like.
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ti oj ri ti ci an te lye worldly griefe, Vnquietnes, murmuring, discontentednesse, and such like.

Thus are these lodged in Mistresse Hearts Chamber, and there shee lyeth also with the Old-man, and will her man.

The Bed which they lye vpon is Impenitencie, and the Coverings are Hardnes-of-heart, and Carnall Security, in which they ly snorting carelesly, till the Chief-Constable come vpon them and attach them all one after another, the greater willains & the lesser thieves not sparing any: Heefeateth not to attach the Carteth not to attach the Cartery with the Cartery will be the contraction of the state of the cartery will be said the cartery of the cartery of the said the cartery of the cartery of

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pitall neither passeth he by any of their meanest associates.

The attaching of sinne is nothing else but the Apprehension of Gods wrath, striking vs with feare through the terror of the Law and our guiltines of the breach thereof.

For in this spirituall attaching it is, as in the attaching of Fellons, who knowing themselves guilty of the breach of the Lawes, are stroken with seare, in their apprehension, of death which they know they cannot elecape.

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These Theeses thus apprehended, the Constable carryeth them to the next suffice by authority of his Warrant.

The Iustice is Well-informed Iudgement able to examine every Malefactor that is, every sin, brought before him.

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know how to proceede legally: so must this spiritual Iustice be learned both in the Law and Gospell, to know what sins are committed against either of them, and thereaster to proceede.

A Iustice is commonly to be one in that Countrie where he is an Inhabitant: so this Iustice must be eucry mans Well-informed Iudgement within himselfe, not another mans: for it is not another mans Iudgement, that can sit downe in his soule to trie and examine his heart and waies, but his owne Iudgement.

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ment. For who knoweth what is in a man sauing the spirit of a man which is in him?

The Iustice Office is to preserve Peace and to see the lawes observed, and to

fee to the suppressing of all disorders, routes, ryots, robberies & conspiracies:

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publike; so this spirituall Iustice his Office is to see Peace kept betweene God and himselfe; to see the Lawes of God observed, and to see all disorders in his foule, as vagrant thoughts, sturdie resolutions, riotous behauiour, euery misdemeanour, in thought, word, and deede, forbidden by Gods Law, contrary to the Peace of a good Conscience, and the quiet of the foule; contrarie to the dignitie of a Christian, and the honour of our Soueraigne Lord, the King CHRIST IB. S V S.

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When a Malefactour is brought before a Iustice, the Iustice is first to examine him, then to set it downe, then to binde some ouer to prosecute against the Fellon at the Assistant and lastly in the meane space to send him to the Goale, if he be not bayleable.

to examine the party apprehended and brought before him, and to demand his name, then to enquire after the fact and the nature of it, with the occasions, causes and degrees, with the associates, euident

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The Ille of Man. 102 fignes, the fruites and effects thereof; so this spirituall Iustice is to exa-Examine mine finne. Sin. 1. To know the name Name and and nature thereof, and to nature. what Commandement it belongeth, so that hee may confider what Statute of God is broken. 2. What were the Oc-Occasions? casions offered, as David by looking out, faw Beth heba washing her selfe. 3. What were the Cau-Causes. ses mouing thereto, as Enuie in the Iewes to put Christ to death, and in Caine to kill Abel. 4. What are the Seue

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rall Sorts under one and the same Capitall Sinne: as under Theft, Couetouines and Cousonage; vnder Adultery, Fornication, Kindes.

Selse-pollution,&c.

Degrees.

5. What be the Degrees in the same Sinne; as in stealing not from the rich, but from the poore: not from a stranger but from a Christian brother, from Father, and Mother: So committing vncleannesse, not onely with one of no kinne; but with one nigh in bloud; in killing not an vnknowne person, but against nature, his Father,

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The ifle of Man. 104 Childe, himselfe. 6. What Sinnes ac-Concom companied the same: as tance. the making of Vriah drunke, and the murthering of him accompanied Davids Adultery. 7. What are the Signes Signes. thereof, as the rouling eye, fylthy speech, and wanton dallience are signes of Adultery: all such ornaments & vanities of which Esai speaketh are ensignes of Pride. 8. What Fruites and Fruites. effects did follow thereupon : as from Will wor-Thip & Idolatry commeth ignorance of God: from this

this liberty to sinne; from this obstinacie; from this contempt of Gods true Worship and sincere professors thereof; and from this at last comes bloudie persecution.

2. In Examining, the Instice is to set downe the Examination and Confession of the partie: so this spiritual Instice after hee hath thus examined his waies, he is to set it downe: This is a Serious Consideration of al his sins and offences, and such a remembrance of them as may make a man to forsake

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vnto Gods Statutes, as David did. The Examination without his will bee in effect as nothing: this must not therefore bee at

any hand omitted.

3. The Iustice is to binde some ouer to prosecute against the Fellon, at the next Affifes and Goale deliuery: so doth this spirituall Iustice bind ouer True Repentance to follow the Law and to give Enidence against this Fellon Sinne; which he is very ready to doe, for it cannot be (if a mans Iudgement bee Well-informed vpon serious examination with a carefull

carefull and confiderate remembrance of all his finnes) but that hee must needes perforce bee made to sorrow for them, and upon true repentance pursue them to the death with a deadly harred.

4. The Iustice sinding the offender not bayleable by Law, hee maketh his Mittimus to send him to the Goale, there to bee in durance to the next Assission this spiritual Iustice doeth: for hee knowes by the Law of God, that the reward of Sinne (of what kinde or degree soeuer, greater or lesse, though

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Rom.6.23.

Gen.2.17.

heard, is Illuminated Vn. derstanding.

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The Mittimus giuen him, is the active power of the VVell-reformed ludgement, forcing the exercise of the Vnderstanding against sinne to finde out remedies to keepe it vnder-

The Chiefe Goaler is Master Newman, placed ouer the prisoners, and made the Goale-keeper by the Shiriffe, for the prilon is his, and he is to answer the King for them.

Chiefe Goa ler, Master Newman.

The Shiriffe is True Religion wrought in mans soule.

Ephel 4.24.

The Vnder-Shiriffe is ah Holy Resolution to performe Resolution.

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what the Shiriffe commandeth, and what hee is by his Office to doe.

If any Prisoner, Sinne, breake out, the Sbiriffe, Religion must beare the blame, saying, this is your

Religion.

Goale-Sub iection.

The Goale is Subjection: for faith the Apostle (as if he were the Goaler) I keepe under, heere is the keeper; my body, heere is the prifoners and bring it in Subiection, heere is the prifon. When fin is brought vnder subjection that it doth no more raigne (as it doth mall naturall men, but not in the regenerate) then it is put

put in prison, but not before.

Now the Chiefe Goaler Master Newman, hath with him three Vnder-Goalers to looke well to the Prisoners, and all little enough, they bee so many and so exorbitantly vnruly; ready to breake prison daily, if they bee not diligently seenevnto.

This Master Newmans three vnder-Goalers are his Hands, his Eyes and his Feete, without which hee can doe nothing, and they are these which are named by Saint Paul in his Epistles.

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corruption of Gods Worship: likewise to Blasphemie, rash swearing, false swearing, cursing, idle talke of God, contempt of his Word and Workes, a Vicious life. Lastly to Sabboth breaking, neglect of publicke worship, prophannesse, persecution of the truth, and to an infinite number of other finnes against God and True holineffe.

3. Is Righteousnesse: this lookes to all the sins against the second Table, as to rebellion, disobedience, murther, malice, adultery, fornication, these, and

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cousonage, to false-witnesse-bearing, to backbiting, to discontentment,
and to all other transgressions many and manifold
compreheded vnder these
commandements.

Now because these prisoners be varulie, if there be not a strickt hand kept ouer them: therefore least they should at various at various breake forth to the danger of the Shiriffe Religion, the Goaler Master Newman hath Fetters, Ginnes, bolts and manacles to hold them in, and to have them at command.

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hect vnto the Commandements of God in all our waies: Holy Meditations; lawfull Vomes, Religious Fasting, feruent Prayer, and conscionable Practice of our Christian duties to God and man. All these are strong chaines and linkes to keepe under, and tofetter the body of sinne and all the fruites thereof, and to hold them in fubiection, to keepe the whole man in Obedience vnto God, when they bee faste. ned and knocked on by the hammer of Gods Word, and the effectuall power thereof.

Boulte fetters, &c.

Ier. 23.29.

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Prison to be

But it is not enough thus to imprison them, and to see them bolted and thus fettered, but also for him to fee the Prison bee strong: for the Prisons of the best Keepers that euer were, haue beene broken: Drunkennesse breake out from Noah, rash and vnaduised speeches from Moses, Idolatry from Salomon, Adultery from Danid, curfing and falle-swearing from Peter.

Therefore the Goaler Master Newman must looke daily to the Prisoners and to see the prison house sure; and to doe this.

1. Hee must see the doores which are his Senses, to be shut and to have a care to lock vp tafte (that Drunkennesse and Gluttonie breake not our) with the key of Moderation in eating and drinking. To locke vp Hearing, that credulity breake not out, with the key of trying before we trust. To locke vp Seeing, that vncleannesse breake not out, with the key of Continencie, and to barre: this dore fast also with Contentation, that Couetousnesse breake torth.

2. In the next place he mus

Doores of the prison to be fast locked. Lewd Companions. must take heede that no lewd Companions lurke about the Prison house, either by day or by night, least they cast in syles to sile off the boults, or picklocks to open the dores to let the Prisoners escape.

These lewd Companions

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lockes are Suggestions

from Satan, evill Counsell

from Men, worldly and

fleshly Arguments of our owne inuentions, to make

no conscience of sinne, but to file off al those bolts,

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and to open the dores of Senses that fin may breake loofe, and get out of subiection to the Goalers ouerthrow and vtter vndoing if diligent watch be not kept.

3. Hee must see to the Walles of the Prison, that wattes. they bee strongly built with good stones cemented together. These are Morall Virtues and Euangelicall Graces, by which as by Walls our Sinnes and our naturall Corruptions are kept in. Though Master Newman locke and barre the dores, yet if the Walles bee weake, the

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to, the Prisoners will bee kept safe in the Goale vnder Master Newman vntill the time of the Assiss.

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commeth the Iudge attended on by the Shiriffe, the Iustices of the Peace, and fuch as necessarily are to be there, for the dispatch of fuch businesses, as come

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Gods steede, therefore must his Sentence stand and wee must submit to it.

Bench is Impartiality

The Seate or Bench on which this Iudge fitteth is Impartiality, for Conscience well informed, will iudge in Righteousnesse and Truth without all partiality, without respect of any person. He regardeth not the rich and mighty, no Bribe can blinde him, neither doth hee pittie the person of the poore, to giue for pittie an vniust Sentence, but as the truth is, so he speaketh.

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found the Commission and acquainted him with it, when hee said, Thou art the man.

If the Commission bee lost, the Power of Conscience lyeth dead, seared and benummed, then the Iudge can doe nothing till it bee found, and being found it is read open-lie.

Reading the Commission.

The reading of this Commission before the whole Countie, is Every mans experimentall Knowledge of the Power of Conscience, by which is acknowledged his Authority, to sit as Judge ouer every

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courses whose Conscience he is. Conscience onely troubles a man for his own sinnes, it cannot for another mans, but as farre forth as hee hath made them his owne, and being accessarie to them by commanding, alluring, counselling, commending, excusing, defending or winking thereat, when he ought by

Accessaries to sinne.

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hee will truly then judge as he heareth, for as hee is impartiall in judging, so is he prudent and carefull to know what and whereof to give sentence, before he doth Judge. This is the Judge.

The Instices of Peace in the Countie are there, and doe sit with the Iudge and are in Commission with him. Of these some are of the Quorum, and of better ranke, some are meaner Iustices and take their place lower.

The Iustices of Peace in the Soule of better ranke are Science, Pru-

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dence, Prouidence, Sapience: the inferiors are weake Wit, common Ap. prehension, and some such like.

Clerkes.

These Iustices have their Clerkes, there ready with their examinations and recognizances. Inflice Science, his Clerke is Dif. course: Iuftice Prudence, his Clerke is Circumspection, Iustice Providence, his Clerke is Diligence: Iustice Sapience, his Clerke is Experience: Iustice weake-wit, his Clerke is Conceit : and Iustice Common-Apprebenfion, his Clerke is onely Sense, a couple of poore Iustices. With

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fon will inforce a just conclusion, and so moue the Iudge to give sentence according to equity and right. If these should bee wanting, many matters would goe amisse.

There is also the Clerke of the Asises, the keeper of the Writts, that hath all the inditements.

This Clerke is Memory, which reteineth all those names of enery sinne, with the nature of the Offence: and what God hath in his Word written against them, and what complaintes Repentance hath made against them.

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Memory.

Besides this Clerke there is the Clerke of the Arraignement, who readeth the Inditements.

This Clerke is the Tonque, making Confession of our sinnes.

Lastly, there is the Cryer.

This is the Manifestation of the Spirit.

Before the Clerke of the Arraignment readeth any Inditement, it is first framed by the Complaimant.

This Complainant is true Repentance or godly Sor- Repentance row.

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the Iustices teare it in peeces, and the prisoner is not indicted.

If the latter, the prisoner is indicted, the indictment read, and the prisoner brought to the tryall at the barre.

This Grand-Inquest or Iurie, are the Holy men of Scriptures. God, whose writings are the Holy Scriptures in the Old and New Testament.

By the Verdict of these, euery thought, word, and deed of man, is either freed or made a lawfull prisoner.

But yet this Verdict is no

Billa vera.

no lawfull conuiction of particular men, till they be

rightly applyed.

If they write vpon the Inditement or Bill framed, Ignoramus, that is, if the holy Scriptures of God declare it not to be a Sinne,

it is no Sinne: for where

there is no Law, there is no transgression. Not the

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ments of Popes, can make that a finne, which

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inditemet framed by those falle informers before mentioned, Formalitie Worldly wisedome, Lukewarmenesse, Meere-ciuill honesty, Machiauilian Statisme, Libertinisme, Scrupulositie & Papistry, against Christian Conference, godly Sincerity true Zeale, Strict Conversation, Reformation of disorders and the rest, are false accusers, and haue vpon their complaints written by the Grand-Inquest an Ignoramus, and therefore by these worthy Iustices, Iustice Science, Iustice Prudence, Iustice Providence, and Iustice Sapience,

pience, are to bee torne in funder, and Judge Confeience not to bee troubled therewith, though all the Popes, the whole Popish Church, all Popith Counfells & all the Popishly af. fected Statistes in the world pleade for them, for that thought, word, or deed, is no fin, no Breach of Gods Law on which these write Ignoramus, Conscience (as is aforefaid) is not to be troubled with such Bill of complaint.

But if these write Bills vera, that is, if the holy penmen haue set downe

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any thought, word, or deed for a sinne, not all the Popes Dispensations and Pardons, not all the subtile Distinctions of the most learned, no custome, nor any thing else whatsoeuer can acquit it from Sinne, but sinne it is, and so must it bee taken as a lawfull prisoner to bee brought to the barre, and indited and put vpon the lury of Life and Death.

The Bill being found true, then they proceed vn-to the Arraignement.

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Spirit delivered in by the Shiriffe Religion to be called, and to bee of this Inry in the behalfe of the Kings Maicsty I as vs Christ, to goe vpon the prisoners, the Fruites of the Flesh, which stand at the Barre.

Their names being giuen up they are called, as the Clarke of the Arraignement, the Tongue nameth them; then the Cryer, Manifestation of the Spirit, calleth them one by one to appeare as the Clerke names them, and they are these.

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men to bee of one heart, and is the bond of Peace.

7. Call Patience. Cry. er. Vous aues Patience, which worketh experience, and by which men possesse their soules.

8. Call Innocencie. Cryer. Vous aues Innocency, which keepeth harmelesse.

9. Call Chastity. Cryer. Vous aues Chastity, which keepeth vndefiled.

Vous aues Equity, which doth right to euery man.

Vous aues Verity, whiche uer speaketh truth.

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good men and true, stand together and heare your

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With all these Graces should the Soule of man be endued to proceede against Sinne, wee should be able to fay, that we have them by the Manifestation of Gods Spirit, and also to know their power and vertue, and distinctly to bee able to reckon them, and fo wifely to esteeme them as the good and true gifts and graces of God; which haue a charge given them which is every grace his proper gift, and all conioyntly haue power to dil cerne

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The Prisoners though they stand together, yet are they to answer one by one.

So Sins must distinctly one by one be arraigned, for wee cannot proceed against sin but upon a particular knowledge there of.

A generall, and so a confused notion of sins (which yet is that which is in most men) will neuer make a man truly to see how his estate standeth with God, and so to bring sinne vnto death.

The Prisoners at the fight of the Iurie and naming

ming of them, have leave to challenge any of them, if they can give good reafons against this or that man, they are put off the Iurie, and other chosen in their steed.

These Prisoners seeing such a Iurie, presently beginne to challeng them.

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Vnbeliefe he cryeth out against Faith as his Enemie. Hatred of God against the Lone of God as his Enemie. Presumptuous sinning against the Feare of God as his Enemie. Cruelty against Charity as his Enemie. Hypocrise lagainst Sincerity as his Enemie. Hypocrise lagainst Marity as his Enemie. Hypocrise lagainst Discerity as his Enemie.

Iury Challenged.

Discord against Vnity as his Enemie. Anger, Rage, and Murmuring against Patience as their Enemic. Murther, Fighting, and Quarreling against Innocencie as their Enemie. Wantonnes, Adultery, Fornication, and Vncleannes cry out against Chastity as their deadly Enemie. Cousonage, Theft, and Vniust dealing against honest Equity as their Enemie. Lying, Slandering and False-witnesse-bearing against Verity as their mortall Enemie. And laftly, Greedy desire Coneton nesse, and Discontentment cry out against Contentation as their

their Enemie.

All these together challenge the whole Iurie, crying out and faying (good my Lord) these men are not to bee of the Iurie against vs, for your Lord-Thip knoweth very well, and none better, that they are all of them our deadly Enemics. Your Honour knoweth that euery one of them hath petitioned the Lord Chiefe Iustice very often, and importunately to binde vs all to the good behauiour, and to cast vs into prison, as wee haue beene by their meanes. They have made H 4 MaMaster Newman the keeper and his vnder-keepers to deale very hardly with vs.

It is well knowne (my Lord) that Chastity procured Master Newman almost to famish Incontinentie to death. Good my Lord consider of vs, these are our most bloudie and cruell enemies, we appeale to your Lordship, to God and to all good men that know, both them and vs, that it is so.

Our humble suite to your Lordship therefore is, that more indifferent persons may be chosen to

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goe vpon vs, else we are all but dead men. Wee doe know (my Lord) that there are heere many other of very good and great credit in the world fit to bee of this Iurie, men very well knowne to your Lordship, and to Master Shiriffe, and the Worthipfull Gentlemen. These are men of worth (my Lord) of farre more effecme cuery where, then these meane men heere, picked out of purpose by Master Shiriffe. These (my Lord) of the Jurie are men of small reckoning in the Country. These live scattered H 5 heere

heere and there almost without habitation, except in poore Cottages, so as we maruel (my Lord) how they can be brought in for Free-holders, hardly any one of them is of any account with men of great estates and of worth in the land. Good my Lord consider of vs.

Then the Judge asketh them what those men bee of whom they speake, and what are their names?

Indifferent Gentlemen. Then they answer, my Lord, they are these, Master Naturalist, Master Doubting, Master Opinion, Master Carelesse, Master Chinerell,

Chiuerell, Master Libertine,
Master Laodicean, Master
Temporizer, Master Polititian, Master Outside, Master Ambo dexter, and Master Newtralitie, all (my
Lord) very indifferent men
betwixt vs and them. Gentlemen, Free-holders, of
great meanes, wee beseech
you (my Lord) to shew
vs some pittie, that they
may bee of the Iurie.

The ludge informed by those worthy Instices of the Quorum, concerning these men so named by the prisoners, and knowing the honesty and good credit of the chosen lutie; their

exceptions against them are not admitted of, and so these indifferent Gentlemen are passed by.

The Clerke therefore is commanded to goe forward, and then he readeth the Inditement of every one in order, one after another as they bee called forth by name and set to the Barre.

The first which is called out, is the Oldman.

Then saith the Clerke, Goaler, set out Oldman to the Barre.

Then hee is brought to the Barre, and commanded to hold up his hand and

Y.Oldman Arraigned.; and his Inditement is

His Indite-

Oldman thou art indited heere by the name of Old-

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Paradise, when he was driuen out, thou diddest cor-

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making him prone to all euill, bringing him captine to imperious lufts, and so causing him to line in continuall rebellion against God, contrary to the Peace of our Soueraigne Lord the King, IESVS CHRIST, his Crowne and Dignity.

What sayest thou to

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He pleades not guilty, and so puts himselfe to the Triall.

Then the Cryer calleth for Euidence against the Prisoner.

Then commeth forth Danid, whose Euidence is this.

David.

Euidence.

this I was shapen in Ini. quity and in Sinne hath my Mother conceined me. Jobs is this. He cannot bee cleane that is borne of a Woman. Maiah, his Euidence is. That all are transgressours from the wombe. Saint Pauls Euidence is most cleere, for being asked what hee could say? Hee answered, (my Lord) this Oldman hath been the death ofvery many. I haue wofull experience of him, a wretched man bath he made mee. Hee tooke occasion by the Commandement to worke all concupiscence in me. Hee deceined me and slew me, wrought

Pfal 51.5.

Iob 25.4.

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Saint Paul,

Rom. 5.15.

Rom. 7.8.11. 13.21.15.19.

Death

Death in me, so that in my flesh dwelleth no good, but when I would doe good, euill is present with me, so that through him, the good I would doe I cannot, and the euil I hate that I doe: Hee maketh warre against the Law of my minde, and bringeth me in captine to the Law of Sinne. Thus ( my Lord) is in me the Body of Death, from which I defire to be deliucred, and this is, that I can fay, the same

The Euidence being thus cleere, the Iurie prefently being all agreed giueth in their Verdict, and being asked what they fay

Verdict.

of the prisoner at the Bar, guilty or not, they answer Guilty.

Then he asketh what he can say for himselfe, why sentence should not bee pronounced against him?

Good my Lord saith he, I am wrongfully accused, and am made the man I am not, there is no such thing as Originall Corruption. Pelagius a Learned man and al those now that are called Inabaptists (who well enough know al these Enidences brought against me) have hitherto, and yet doe, maintaine it, that Sinne commeth by Imi-

tation.

Oldmans Plea.

Pelagius & Anabaptists tation, and not by Propagation, and imbred Prauity. Good my Lord, I befeech you, bee good vnto mee, & cast not away so poore an Oldman (good my Lord) for I am at this day

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Then faith the Iudge,

Oldman, the Euidence is cleere, those thou hast named are condemned Hereticks; and as for thy yeeres, in respect of which thou crauest pittie, it is pittie thou hast beene suffered so long to doe so great and so generall a mischiese as these good men doe witnesse against thee.

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to the holy Ghost, and for greedy gaine at the diuels suggestion; hast set some on worke to play the Traitors to the shedding of the innocent bloud of our Soueraigne, contrary to the Peace of the King, his Crowne & Dignity, what saist thou to this Inditement, guilty or not guilty?

Shee answers not guilty, and puts her selfe to the Triall.

Then the Cryer saith, if any man can give Euidena against the prisoner at the Barre, let him come, for thee stands upon her delinerance

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Ieremie.	hath been from her youth vp.  Moses having ended, then saith the ludge, is there any more?  To whom answer is made, yes (my Lord) there is seremy the Prophet.  Ieremy the Prophet looke vpon the Prisoner, can you say any thing on the behalfe of his Maiesty.  My Lord, this I can say, that shee is decestfull about
	all things and desperately wicked: so that no man without Gods special assistance can either finde out her deuises or escape her treacheries.  And

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	And this moreover I know, that shee hath been	
5	fent vnto and forewarned to wash her selse of her	
	wickednesse: and yet for	
S	all this thee doth lodge stil	Ier,4.14.
C	ill thoughts in her house.	
se.	Yea (my Lord) shee hath seduced many from God,	Icr.7.24.& 9.
u	making them to walke af-	14.&.11.8. & 13.10.
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Yes my Lord, heere is Ezekiel.

Ezekiel what can you

fay?

Ezek. 20.16. & 33.31. My Lord, I can witnes thus much, Such is her lewdnesse that shee followed after Idols, and after Couetousnes, which is Idolatry, both High Treason and Rebellion against God. Yea so very shamelessy and lawlessy shee carieth her, selfe, that is such lewde companions come not in to her, she will goe out and follow them.

These bee witnesses enough saith the Iudge to condemne her, but is

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Wee fay guilty

Lord.

Woman what canst thou

Mar.7.21.22.

you, let not these mens testimonies cast mee away. For I did dwell with as good men, and better then they are, or ever were (my Lord) as other can witnes to my great comendations

Then faith the ludge, who are those I pray you?

I dwelt (my Lord) with King Dauid, with King Salomon, and was in their house held to bee a perfect Heart: so was I after accounted in King As house. Yea my Lord, with Abraham the Father of the Faithfull, was I found Faithfull, and such hath beene my credit, that I

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was well spoken of euen to God himselse by good King Hezekiah. That all this is true that I say, I beseech you to aske I saiah the Prophet, as also Nehemiah, and others that have recorded the same.

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Besides all these (be pleased to heare me (good my
Lord) aske all the Country
people, and they will with
one mouth speake well of
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and that ever since they
were borne, they never
sound mee so wicked as
these witnesses are pleased
to speake. I hope therefore
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Nehe.9.8. Efai.38.3: (my Lord) that you wil be pleased to be good to me, good my lord pitty a very old aged poore woman, as euer you came of a woma.

Woman, Woman, for the witnesses against thee, they are without exception, and thy owne mouth doth condemne thy felfe, in that first, thou dost confesse, that thou wouldest not bee ruled by them when these holy men were fent vnto thee, and that with speciall command from his Maiesty to see thee reformed. Againe, that thou doest acknowledge thy selfe to haue beene

beene wholy led by the Oldman, one now most iustly condemned by the Law to be crucified.

As touching Davids heart, Solamons heart, Afa his heart, the faithfull heart of Abraham, and the vpright heart of Hezekiah, neuer an one of these was thy selfe, thou dost lewdly seeke to deceive by equiuocation, and to beguile the standers by with thy trickes of Iesuiticall cousonage. True it is, that there is great commendations of an Heart, and the same

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faithfull Heart. But woman, this is the heart fan-Ctified and purged by faith in all those that are borne anew of water and the holy Ghost: but this is not that which thou art, the naturall and corrupt heart: Thou art that commendable heart in name onely, but not in quality: therefore thy boafting is vaine, thy pleading fubtilty, verifying Ieremiahs euidence of thee, that thou art very deceitfull.

As for the vulgar praifing of thee, it is through their owne selfe-love, and foolish selfe-conceit, and their their vtter ignorance of thee, that maketh them to speake so well of thee. Thou doest therefore but trifle away the time, and trouble the Assemblie.

As for thine age, it procureth thee no pittie at all, because thou hast beguiled, vndone, and bewitched so many. Their age should have taught thee better things, but thy obstinacie in wickednesse would not suffer thee. Heere therefore this Sentence.

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Thou Mistresse Heart hast beene indited by the name of Mistresse Heart,

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of those Fellonies, Murthers, Conspiracies and rebellions, and for the same hast beene arraigned: thou haft pleaded not guilty, hast put thy selfe to the triall, and beene found guilty having nothing iustly to lay for thy selfe. This is the Law. Thou shalt bee carried backe from whence thou camest, and there line condemned to perpetuall imprisonment under Mafter Newman the Keeper, without baile or maine prize. Goaler, take her to thee looke to the prisoner, and keepe this Heart diligently, and take beed least there

Pro 4.23. Heb.3.12. there be at any time in you, an hart of Infidelity to depart from the living God. Master Shiriffe Religion, and the Vnder Shiriffe Resolution, doe see it performed very carefully and speedily, according to the sentence given.

After this, the Goaler is commanded by the Clerke to set Mistresse Hearts Maides to the Barre with Willher man. But the Judge commandeth them to Ward againe vnto the next Assisses, and chargeth the Shirisse with them to see them kept close prisoners with Mistresse Heart, till the

the appointed time, and till they should bee called for. The Reason given was for that two great Traitors and Rebels, chiefe amongst the damned crue, were presently to bee arraigned, which would take up the allotted time before the Court should breake up and the Bench arise.

These two were Conetousnesse and Idolatry, Capitall Theeues, pettilently mischieuous against God, his Worship and Seruice: against the Church and against the Common-Weale.

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Then saith he vnto him, Couetous nesse hold up thy hand and heare the Indite-

heere indited by the name of Couetousnesse, in the Towne of wante, in the Countie of Neuerfull, that from the day of thy first beeing

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beeing thou hast been The roote of all euill, having

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made some to play the Theeues, others to commit Treason against our Soueraigne Lord the King; others to murther Innocents for their inheritance. Thou art also heere indited for bribery, extorsion, oppression, vsurie, iniustice, cousonage, vnmercifulnesse, and a multitude of outragious Villanies: besides thy hindering men in holy duties and meanes of Saluation, forcing them headlong to their destruction, contrary to the Peace of our Soue-

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raigne Lord the King, his Crowne and Dignity.

What sayest thou to this Inditement, guilty or not guilty?

He answereth not guilty (my Lord) and so hee puts himselfe vpon the triall.

After this, the parties that can give Evidence are called in, and first Repentance is commanded to produce his witnesses.

Repentance, what can you say?

My Lord, fince the Prifoner was committed to prison and put into ward, some of my witnesses are dead, Euidence.

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But Iesabel procured by his leave and liking the death of Naboth and his sonnes, and so got possession on of the Vineyard. Moreover, I finde heere, that Indas confessed how hee betrayed the innocent bloud of our Sauiour through Conetons sauiour through Conetons sauiour through Conetons sauiour the Confession my Lord in the Records.

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Then the ludge willeth the Constable and his Assistants which were at the apprehending of him to bee called, who make their appearance.

Constable, what can you fay,

say, and those that were with you, against this prisoner at the Barre?

My Lord; when wee went to make fearch for him, hee hid himselfe so close, as wee had much adoe at first to finde him in Mistresse Hearts house, Who had almost perswaded vs that hee had not beene there, vntil I learned it from Dauid the man of God, whom I had found petitioning the Lord Chiefe Iustice for a Warrant of the good behauiour against the Couetousnesse of the Heart. Then thought

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this house: for if Dania feared to have him in his Heart, that gaue so many Millions of gold and filuer,3300. Cart-loade of Treasure for the building of the Temple, can I think him not to bee heere ? I fought therefore diligently my Lord, & foundhim, but before I could attach him, hee was got into a darke corner and attempted to blow out my candlelight, and to haue escaped me. But I, and my Company tooke such diligent heed to him, as he could not get from vs: yet before we could binde him, 0

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who having afterwards to there names, they give in Euidence one by one.

Master Church: what can you say against the prifoner at the barre?

My Lord, I am not able

to reckon the particular mischieses hee hath done against me. There salleth neuer a Benesice of any reasonable valew, but her sets many to runne and ride after it, & offer large ly for it, and maketh some Patrons theeues, and to admit many an Ignoramus in to the charge and cure of Soules: and many a Minister to be a periured Simo

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Church (my Lord) hee marreth their denotion, and haleth their foules out of the Church, to make them to bee walking their grounds, talking with their friends, plotting businesses, potting in Alehouses, to bee going some iourney, to bee at some Market or Faire; to bee counting their debts, following their debters; reckoning vp their loane vpon Viurie, their profits and gaine, heere and there, not without feare of losses. And all these things (my Lord) with many other worldly thoughts, whilft their

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will veterly bring mee to ruine and all mine for euer.

Master Horsehold. Call Master Household.

Master Household: what can you say concerning the Prisoner?

My Lord, this wicked Coneton neffe keepes holy exercises out of private houses; he will not let parents have any time to instruct their Children; hee maketh Masters vse their servants more like beasts then men, they are so wholy imployed in worldly businesses as for their Soules, their is no care taken, but they are less than they are their soules, their is no care taken, but they are less

hath made children to bee cruell to their Parents, brethren and fifters to hate one another, neere of kindred and bloud to goe to law one with another, for and

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and about dividing goods, lands, and inheritances; yea, I can witnes this, that hee hath made them murther one another: Children their Parents, Husbands their Wines, and one Brother another. It would be to long to particularize, how great euills, and how many waies hee hath injured mee and all mine. But because other witnesses stand heere by me, I will trouble your Lordship with no more complaints at this time.

Call Master Neighbour-

bood.

Friend, What is it that you

you can say touching this prisoner?

My Lord, this vnhappie man hath altogether difmitted mens affections, fo as in our Towne there is very little loue: hardly will one doe another a good turne freely, but either it must bee one for another, like for like, or in certaine future hope for gaine. This wretch hath almost banisht all frendly society; euery man is fo now for himselfe, as he neglecteth his neighbour almost wholy. He maketh them trespasse one another, to rob cunningly one another

Master Neighborhood.

ther in buying and felling, and to fall out with bitter rayling, and vnneighbourlie languages for a pennie loffe, and causeth many fuites and brabbles. Wee are (my Lord) indeed miserablie disquiered, and almost viterly vidone by him. For (my Lord) wee were a Company of very good neighbours till hee became Land-lord: heere dwelt Amitie, Kindnesse, Gentlenesse, Loue, Peace, Cha. ritie, Patience, Goodnesse, Readie-good-will. Forgetfulnesse of wrongs, Sociableneffe, Good-turnes, and loy: but most vniustly by his cruelcruelty and wrong dealing hee hath displaced them, and brought (my Lord) a Companie of infernall spirits, for so I think I may without offence call them: which are thefe. Hatred, Malice, Enuie, Wrath, Anger, Churlishnesse, Difcord, Nigardline fe, Sturdinesse, Strife, Debate, Varience, Emulation, Sedition, Wrangling, Fraud, Deceipt, Malignity, Despite, Vnnaturalnesse, Implacablenes. Vnthankfulnesse, Fiercenes, Highmindednesse, Selfeloue, Makehate, and Vnmerciful-The best that hee brings in (my Lord) are Cofles-

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Costles complement, Fairespeech, Horo doe you, Goodmorrow, Good-even, Glad to (ee you well, word-welcome, will you drinke, Fare-well, Yours to command and fuch like, also one Little-good, with another called Sooneloft, and amongst these Noharme is greatly commended, but neuer a Good man amongst them much lesse any Too-good to bee found in the Parish, except more in name then indeed. And this is that which I have to fay, my Lord, at this time.

Call out Master Good-

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can you say touching the prisoner?

My Lord, there hath beene so much spoken that I need say nothing: yet none have more just cause to complaine then I have: for he hath endeuoured to his vimost to roote mee out and all my posterity, Bounty, Liberality, and Hospitality.

My Lord, we by reason of him, daily stand in seare of our lives; all the country cryeth out of him, in their love to vs, who well know, how often he bath attempted to murther vs.

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ioynt both the armes of my fon Bounty, and almost broken the backe of my sonne Liberality, that hee hardly at any time goeth vpright, and all know this, that hee hath violently fer vpon my sonne Hospitality, and forced him out of doores, and in his steed hath let in Pride of aparell, Sumpteous Building, Affectation of vaine Titles, whom he hath made to thut vp dores: perswading-them that to maintaine their state, they must increase there reuennewes, by new purchases, by racking of rents, by inhauncing their fines

fines and incomes, all little enough to vphold their outward state, and vaine pompe abroad. And this (my Lord) is that which for the present I haue to say.

Then it was asked if all were come in that should give Evidence?

Answer was made: My Lord, heere is onely one man more poore Pouerty brought hither by authority to give Euidence, may it please you heare him.

Call in Powerty.

Pouerty, What canst thou say against this prisoner at the Barre?

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Powerty.

Good my Lord: I have reason to curse the day that euer I knew him, and hee onely it is that hath brought me to this poore state.

I was a man of some credit my neighbours well know, till I had to do with him, who would lend mee nothing but vpon Vsurie, and that vpon great bonds and morgage of lands: and so greedy a Wolfe was he vpon his prey, that if I missed but one day of payment, hee would take the benefit of the Morgage, or forfeiture; or if he forbore longer, I payed him by presents presents and guifts so much with the vie, as made mee to groane vnder the butthen, feeling my felfe in an irrecouerable Consumption. Sometimes to keepe day with him, I was enforced either to buy for time, or else to sell somthing out of hand to make ready monies: either of which was as bad, or worse then the byting of vsurie: for when William Greedy a brother of his, or also gaine his Cousin perceived my neede, oh how did hee in selling, for time extorte from me; and in buying for ready money presse me? mee ? So that to escape a whirle-poole, I fell into deuouring gulfes, and thus he vndid me.

And not being therewith content (woe vnto him,) when I became Tenant (my Lord) who was before a good Free-holder, he put into our Land-lords heart, to depopulate our whole Parish of Wealth, (for fo it was called) and there insteed of many honest Inhabitants and good house-keepers, hee set a Shepheard and his Curre to feede his flockes. This also is hee (my Lord) that maketh men of faire lands (which

(which might liue well on their owne Reuenewes & demaines) to take Farmes into their hands and to drive out fuch as had been merciful Relieuers of their poore neighbours. In our poore estate wee haue fought to him for reliefe, but insteed of comfort, hee hath rayled on vs, threatned to whip vs, and to fend vs to the House of Correction. Nothing will he doe for vs, but what by Law hee is inforced vnto, though hee keepe his Church, and can sometime also talke of Religion. He beggers all of vs (my Lord,)

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Lord, )on worke hee will not fet vs, and yet will not suffer vs to seeke abroad for reliefe. He neuer secth vs, but his heart rifeth against vs. He rather wil aduenture his owne damna. tion then part with one pennie, except it be to goe gaine, to buy and purchase for him and his. Yea. (my Lord) that all may know his mercileffe cruelty when we have wanted releefe,& begged of him, hee hath counselled vs to shift for our selves, & steale out of the flackes of Corne in gleaning time for bread, to breake hedges, to steale wood

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wood or coale in the night, to make vs fiers, to plucke Theepe or Theere off their wooll for cloathing, to rob orchards for fruit, to steale geefe, hennes, ducks, pigges and sheepe for flesh meate, to cousen men that fet vs on worke, and to make vs poore people hatefull to God and man. For hee careth not, (my Lord) fo as he may not bee charged any way, what we doe or what becommeth ofvswoda

And yet to make vp the hight of vnmercifulnesse, he will bee the first, if wee of meere extreame need doe

doe amisse, that wil cry out against vs and pursue vs to death. This hath euer been his course hitherto, (my Lord) consider rightly of vs, and pittie our case, I beseech you, good my Lord.

Powerty, thy case indeed is to be pirtied, Iurie, you have heard the Enidence of all, what say you of the prisoner at the barre, is her guity or not guilty.

Iurie, Guilty my Lord.
Couetou nelle, thou halt
heard what al these witnesses have laid to thy charge,
and spoken against thee,
what canst thou say for thy
selfe,

felfe, why sentence vpon these honest mens verdict should not be pronounced against thee?

My Lord, I stand for my life, let it please you with patience to heare me. And first touching this impatient ingratefull outcrying sellow Powerty. It was not I my Lord, when hee was wealthy, but his then daily and onely Companions,

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Canker-wormes confumed him quickly, I confesse he came to me often to borrow, but when I faw his vaine courses of ex pence, I was very loath to lend him, but that hee so earnestly intreated me, euen with teares in his eyes, oftentimes protesting, that I should greatly pleasure him, yea, and faue him & his estate from ruine, if I would doe him that kindnes, to lend him in his need,

Thus (my Lord) was I moued and drawne on to lend him, according to the Statute, onely I took good Security because I percei-

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ued him to bee wastfull. Aduantage I neuer tooke, but onely when I saw, that he was an idle fellow and carelesse, and would neuer keepe day, then I would onely threaten him to terrifiehim, (my Lord) and if hee then brought any kindnesse to my wife, it is more then I know of, and more the 1 desired of him.

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Sometimes hee would offer to sell mee the land morgaged to mee, when hee could not pay, and told mee that of necessity hee must sell it, and if I would not, another should buy it. Then I thought my felfe

selfe as worthy to have it as any other in all reason.

For my threatning of him and his Companie, when they went a begging; true it is, because I fay, that as they had confumed themselues, they thought to relie on mee, and fo in like fort to have eaten me vp too: for idely had they lived, and worke they neither could nor would. And whereas they accuse me that I compelled them to steale, heerein they very much wrong me (my Lord) for it was their Loue to line idely, and their Pinching neces.

fir, which ledd and inforced them to fall to shifting and stealing, and not I my Lord.

Touching their Landlords depopulating of the Townse of wealth; they their owne selues were the very cause thereof, for that worthy Knight and my kinsman, Sir worldly wife: when hee faw how some by fuites of Law others by Drunkennesse and Ryot, others by Pride and Idlenesse did waste their estates, so as they were neither able to till their Land, nor to stock their grounds, hee bought their estates one

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one after another, and fo left them to buy or hire for themselves else where. And when thus they had remoued themselves, hee fought the welfare of the Common-Weale, which was to hold vp cloathing (my Lord) the cheefest meanes heere to set the poore on worke: which cannot bee without Wooll, & wooll cannot be had without Flockes of Sheepe.

If this Worthy Knight, and good Common-Wealths man tooke any aduise of me, it was for publike good. Good (my Lord) consider that Power-

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plaining, and very vnthankful to his best friends, if they doe not alwaies supplie his wants.

You know this, (my Lord) to be true and all the Worthipfull Iustices of

the Bench.

Touching Master Church his accusation; vnworthily doth he lay the faults on me; for when any doe ride post so for Benefices when they be falne, they are set on (my Lord) sometime by Perking Pride; sometime by Neighbour Need, and all of them by Master

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His answer to Master Church. by Master Feare to come short of it. It was neuer I that made them offer such summes of monies to Patrons, (for it is my manner to aduise my Friends to be euer sparing of their purses:) but it was their ouerforward friend, Master Hope to prevaile that counselled them to make such proferrs.

I am not (my Lord) the cause of any Ministers negligence in his Function, but a couple of base loytering fellowes dwelling with such Ministers, commonly called (my Lord) the Parsons men Ease and

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idle, by whom such Ministers are too much led.

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vnder those that be painefull Ministers (my Lord) the fault is not through me: but the fault is in Inbred Ignorance, Dulnes, Oldman, Mistreffe Heart, and wilfull will, her man, and Maides, hating to bee reformed, Diflike of Teachers either for their perfon or doctrine, Want of love of the Truth, Contentedneffe to line and dye in Ignorance, and the very Deuill himselfe (my Lord) their vtter enemie. These ought to beare the blame (my

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Answer to Common-Weale Lord) and not I.

For Master Common. Weale (my Lord) I maruaile, that he should thus abuse me, and wrong mee, for (my Lord) hee knowes well, that I have many waies enriched fuch as belong vnto him: his Marchants in trading, and his Lawyers in pleading. I haue holpé many a meane man to a great estate, and many a base birth to bee counted of the Gentrie. Forward haue I beene to helpe all forts of euery estate, of euery profession, and of every trade and course of life, and must I now

now be questioned for my life?

Concerning Master Housebold, hee hath no reafon of all others to blame me; for I taught him how to bee warie in his housekeeping, how to manage his estate for his best thrift, how to advantage himselfe in buying and selling Corne, and Cattell, how to let and fet, and hire grounds, to graze and fat Cattell, and (my Lord) I euer sought his profit in all my courses. Hee hath no cause thus to accuse me to your Lordship. He had neuer gotten vp to haue

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maintained so great a Family, but by me. I raised his Father from a base Cottage, to be a Free-holder, and so himselfe to bee Master of a great Family and household. If any such euils haue happened under him, as hee complaineth of, let him accuse Vnnaturalnes, Impatience, Varulie Passions and fuch like, makebates, and withall the Suggestions of Satan, which doe set men on such mifchieues, and not me (my Lord.)

Answer to Neighbourbood. For Master Neighbourbood, hee may of all other be ashamed to accuse mee

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fo, because hee hath lived much better and nothing worle by me(my Lord)for I caused to bee remoued from him and his neighbours, in their often and idle meetings (which they pleased to call Good fellow-(hip) a Company of very Vnthrifts, Waste, Ryot, Prodigality, Drunkennes, Gluttonie, Idlenes, Carelesnesse, Needlesse-Expense, and a route of very Raskalls, with reuerence be it spoken (my Lord.) I taught him and all fuch as he is, a better way to liue, and a more thriuing course, to looke diligently to their estates, and

Bad fociety.

Bad men Sernanis, and to take good courses to faue, to get, and to increase their meanes. As first having abandoned luch lewd Companie before named, in the next place, I aduised them to put away their bad Menservants, Slacke and Sloathfull, Careleffe and wastfull, Gor-belly and Tospot, Weake and Waiward, Loue bed and Drowse, Light-finger and Lurching, Gamfter and Goegay, Slipstring and wanderer, Scape-thrift & Spendal, and fuch like vnprofitable hindes. And with all to ridde themselves in like manner, of all their bad Maide.

Maide-servants, such as these Pranker and Prattle, Wanton and Lovesick, Sleepie and Slugg, Sweetlip and Dainty, Gadding and Forgetfull, Grene-sicknesse and Tender, Drivill and Slut, also & about all the Choare-women, and her daughters Pocketing, and Filch, with all their fellowes.

And insteed of these (my Lord) I commended vnto them a Company of Men servants, worth entertainement, all one mans children, the sons of mine honest Neighbour Good-husbandry: as Care and Forecast, Makehast and Wa-

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Labour, Last up and Trusty,
Getting & Lockfast, Spendlittle and Get-much, Taketime & Loose-naught, Debtlesse and Gaine, with such
other profitable servants.

And because I knew that Maide servants answerable to them were as necessarie, I aduised the best I could to provide such also, the daughters of Good-hous-wifery: as Eager and Spare, Quicke and Nim-

Profitable Maides. Nimble, Trusty and Timelyrp, Health-full and Chaste,
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of the like nature helpfull
to vphold a mans estate.
By which good counsel of
mine (my Lord) Neighbour-hood liueth now richly, and beggerly, Neede
knockes not daily at his
dore, either to begg or borrow, as he was wont to do.

Concerning the last man Master Good worke, he hath least cause of all others to complaine for that same which hee pleaseth to call in me Oppression, Vsurie, Extortion, and what

Answer to Good-worke what not, have built many a faire Almes house, many a goodly Hospitall in the land (my Lord) and have also given by VVill, many a large Legacie to the poore and much to publicke vses.

My Lord, when I was a Romane Catholique in our Forefathers daies, none was then in more grace and fauour with all the clergie then my selfe. By mee the holy Father the Pope greatly increased his Treasurie, by my Counsells the Prelates gate vp to such an infinite wealth and to such glorious dignities:

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by me (they making Religion a Cloake for mee to put on) they got such stately houses, for their dwellings, and for the variety of their orders, built in the best places of every Nation, and such yearely Revenewes, as did exceede, for their certaine maintenance.

Good my Lord, let it please your Lordship to thinke better of me, then these men procured for witnesses have suggested, for falsely have they spoken against me. Good my Lord, good my Lord, doe meeright I beseech you.

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Stand vp, stand vp Fellow, I have heard with Patience thefe thy verball Apologies: thy subtile shifts to acquit thy felfe:thy faire Thewes to winne thee credit, if it were possible, thereby to procure thine owne release. But know, that yet for all that thou haste said, the Inditement against thee stadeth firme, and the Euidence against thee standeth good, which heere my brethren the Kings Sergeant, and the Kings Atturney, and these worthy gent Iustices of this County doe likewise affirme. Its

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Its very true which your Lordship saith.

Therefore not to drive forth longer the time, and not further to trouble the Court, heare thy Sentence.

beene indited by the name of Concton nesse of all the aforesaid Fellonies, Cousonages, Oppressions, and Mutthers, and for the same thou hast beene arraigned, thou hast pleaded not guilty, and hast put thy selfe vpon thy triall and beene sound guilty having no more to say for thy selfe, this is the Law.

The sentect against Co uctousnesses.

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Ephels.3.	Thou art to be counted Idolatry before God, and also the roote of all euill,
	and so damned a sinne, as not to be named amongst Christians, and that such
. z Cor.5.	as by thee are made coue-
	of all good men, as of God
	they are abhorred, beeing
Pfal.10.3.	worthy of eternall death;
	and have no inheritance
Rom.1.29.32	
	them must come the
	wrath of God, as vpon the
	children of disobedience.
	Thou are therefore as a
	rotten member of the flesh
Col.3.5.6.	to be mortified and cut off.  Master

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Master Shiriffe, doe Execution which the Vnder Shiriffe seeth performed.

Goaler, set Papistry to the Barre.

Papiftry hold vp thy

Papistry: thou art heere indited by the name of Papistry, of the Citty of Rome, in the County of Babylon, that thou being a bastard Christian begotten of Heresie, Indaisme, Paganisme, hast by violent force and armes inuaded the territories of the Church of God, and by Gainish Inqui-

stions, bloudie Masacaeers,

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stabbing poy soning, and killing of Kings, Gunne-powder plots, Treasons, Rebellions, and other hellish practizes, vsurped authority and thrust vpon Gods people their humane traditions, inuentions, superstitions, will-worship, Herefies, Iewish Ceremonies, and Paganish Idolatry to the damnation of many Christian soules contrary to the peace of our Soueraigne Lord the King, his Crowne & Dignity, what sayest thou heercunto, art thou guilty or not guilty? Not guilty my Lord.

By

By whom wilt thou be tried?

By God and the Country. But (good my Lord) let me haue another Iurie chosen, I doe not except against the former Iurie, Faith, Loue, Feare, Charity, Sincerity, Patience, Innocencie and the rest, but (my Lord) though they be honest men, and have well discharged themselues in their Verdict vpon other Prisoners; yet have they not such Judgement and Vnderstanding as others haue, to discerne of my case, and the truth of the Euidence which shall bee brought M 2

brought against me.

Papistry, because neither thou nor any of thy flan. derous Fauorites may fay that thou hast beene proceeded against rigorously & vniustly without respect to the truth of the cause, I am content to call a new Iurie, if heere we can haue so many, as will make vp the number.

I humbly thanke you (my good Lord) God reward your Lordship for it.

Master Shiriffe impannell a new Iurie of very substantiall men, the chiefest you can finde, and fir-

tell

test to goe vpon this Prisoner now at the Barte.

My Lord, I supposed, that as he would craue, so from your Lordship vp-rightnes he should obtaine this fauour, therefore haue I prepared a full lury to this purpose.

It was done wisely of you (Master Shiriffe) let

them be called.

Cryer call in the Iu-

1. Call Common Principles, Vous aues Common Principles.

2. Call Apostles Creed,

Vous aues The Creed.
3. Call Second Comman.

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A lurie against Papistry.

dement, Vous aues Second Commandement come

My Lord I cannot get

My Lord ( faith the Cryer) the Papists keepe him out.

Command to let him in, Vous aues the Second Commandement.

4. Call Pater nofter, Vous aues Pater nofter.

5. Call Holy Scriptures, Vous aues Holy Scriptures.

6. Call the Apocripha, Vous aues Apocripha.

7. Call Councells, Vous aues

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aues Councels.

8. Call Antient Fathers for the first 600 yeers after Christ, Vous aues Antient Fathers.

9. Call Contradiction amongst themselves, Vous aues Contradiction.

Opinion, Vous aues Abfurdity of Opinion.

11. Call Consent of their own Men, Vous aues Consent.

12. Call Testimony of Martyrs, Vous aues Testimony of Martyrs.

Then the Crier bids them answere to their names.

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Common Principles, one: Creede two: Commaundement three : Pater-noster, fowre: Holy Scriptures, five. Apocripha, fixe: Councell seauen: Fathers, eight: Contradiction, nine: ab-Surditie, tenne: Confent of their own men, eleuen: Testimony of Martyrs twelue: Good men and true, stand together and heare your charge.

My Lord, here are some more summoned by Mr.

Sheriffes authoritie.

Who be they Mr. Sheriffe?

Master Lawe with his and bis sons fonnes, Civill, Canon, Com-

mors.

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mon and Municipall.

the Court for the Kings feruice for vse, if need be.

Papistry: if thou canst instly except against anie, I give thee leave to challenge any such of the Iury.

Good my Lord, onely one of the Iury I except against, which is, Holy Scriptures, except it be our own Translation.

Well, sayth the Iudge, I am content it shall be so, let it be either Montanus, or the Rhemist, or the Vulgar Edition, we desire a just proceeding with all the indifferences that may be.

N 5 Then

Then the Cryer calleth aloud; If any man can give Euidence, or can say any thing against the Prisoner at the barre, let him come in, for hee stands upon his deliverance.

Here is my Lorda worthy Gentleman Mr. Verity.

Mr. Verity come neere; what can you say concerning the prisoner at the barre?

Master Verities euidence against Papistry. My Lord, this I am able to instifie. First, that he hath been a False Teacher from the beginning, fraught with error and heresies, teaching as the false Teachers did, such as bee recorded

Like false Teachers in Dostrine

recorded in Scripture, if they were paraleld together, as the Doctrine of Diuels, I Tim. 4.1.2. Traditions & Commandements of men, Mat. 15.2. Mar. 7,8,9. 13.Col.2.22. Veniall sinnes, Mat. 23.16.18. Childrens neglect of parents for Churches profit, as they pretended, Mat. 15.5. Mar. 7.11. Superstitious observations in meates and holy daies, Mat.15.11. Col. 2.16.21. Laying heavy burthens upon the people, Luke 11.46. luftification by works, therewith troubling the Churches, Gal. 2.18.6 3.2.6 5.4.12. Voluntary Religion and Wilworship, worship, Col. 2.18.23. The

worship of Angels, Col.2.18.

Carnall Liberty, 2 Pet 2.19.

Rew. 2.15.20. And Teaching

for filthy Lucre, Tit. 2.11.

Thus are they, as were the

False Teachers, as the

Scriptures in the New

Testament sets them out,

in all these things.

Lord) to after Heretiques, learned whitaker in his booke De Ecclesia in the first Question sheweth many particulars.

How like they are (my

Like them in practife.

Secondly, (my Lord) he hath vsed the very same practises which false Teachers have vsed: hee doth

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to make way for his Doarine, Worship and Ad. uancement, euen as they did. 2 They played the Hypocrites in outward humility in long prayers, and formes of Deuotion, and so misseleade filly women. b They graced their Doctrine with shew of Fore-fathers. They took away the Key of Knowledge, and neither would enter into life, nor suffer others. d They told the people old wines Fables, and told lies in hypocrifie. They vsed sleights and cunnning coactives to deeeiue. They boasted of

2 Col. 2.23. 2 Tim. 3.5.6. 2 Pct. 2.3,4.

b Ma.15.2. & 7.3. 1Pet.1.18. c Luk.11.52.

d 2 Tim. 4.4. & 1 Tim.4.2.

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f 1 Tim.6.

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i Mat.7.23.

k A& 17.7.

13.8 25.7.

A&. 34.5.

8 2 Tho. 22. A&. 15.24 h Reu. 2.20. Deut.13.1,2. & 24.5.& 18. 2 Cor,10 10.

their learning, vling profane and vaine Babbling, and Oppositions of Sciences, as they termed it. They pretended Reuelations, Apostolicall Traditions, and alleadged counterfeit writings. h They had the Propheticall woman and deceiving Propheteses. i They had their Miracle-workers, Casters out of Diuels and Dreamers of Dreames. k They would flander mens perfons, and the Doctrine of faithfull Teachers and lay to their charge what they could not proue, speaking of them contemptuouslie, and

and rayling on them. They boafted to bee the true Church, and that by Succession they were of the Fathers.m They would vie faire and foothing words and teach with intifing words, and did strine for excellencie of speech of mans wisedome to deceiue. "When they could not preuaile by faire meanes, then they would suborne false wirnesses: they threatned, beate, imprizoned, banished and flew the faithfull Teachers and Christian beleeuers. o They would plot confpi racies to the shedding of

1 Ioh. 8.39. Mat. 3.9. 2 Cor. 11-13.

m Rom.16. 18. 1 Cor.2.1.

n A&.4.18. & 22.1. & 6. 24. æ 26.10. 11. & 30.50. & 22. Reu 2.

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bloud, and the Priests must be acquainted heerewith before hand to encourage P Ad. 13.50. them heereto. P They would make open Infurrections and stirre vp great personages to take part with them. And what Rebellion, Treasons, Conspiracies infurrections and persecutions this Papistry hath wrought, my Lord Bishop of Chichester hath openly discouered to the world in his Booke of Thankesgiuing for our deliuerance from all these Traitors, Morton, Sandes, Parsons, Campion, Ballard,

watson, Clarke, Garnet

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(Priests and Iesuites)
Stukley, Somerwile, Throgmorton, Parry, Babington
and his Company: Lopus,
Tyrone, Markam, Brooke
with others: Percy, Catsby
and all the Gunne-powder
Plotters, Laicks. And this
(my Lord) is not what I
could, but what I thought
sufficient to testific at this
time, because I would not
be tedious.

Master Verity: by this you have vttered, it is easie to see, how this man hath followed, both the salse Teachers in Doctrine, and the Enemies of the Gospell in their practises

ctifes. If there be any mo witnesses, let them come forth.

Yes my Lord, heere is Sir Christianity.

Sir Christianity: what is it that you have to say against this Prisoner at the barre?

Sir Christianity his euidence against Pa pistry. My Lord, I was commanded to bee heere to day to give evidence what I know against this man, and this I am willing to do for the service of my Soueraigne. This it is (my Lord) which I have to say: that this man with his Associates, hath, insteed of

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Paganisme, which I am able to proue in a multitude of particulars: but because I am loth to beetedious in my relation, I I have brought heere with me Three Bookes, that the lury may judge of all the particulars, or they may be reade before the Prisoner, if your Lordship shall be pleased to have it so.

What bookes Sir Chri-

Stianity?

My Lord, one is that, that is called The Three Conformities set out lately. The other is, De Origine Papatus, set out by one Doctor

3 Bookes.

1. The 3 Conformities.

2 De Origine Papatus. 3.Raynolds and Hart. Doctor Morisin, and dedicated to his late Maiesty: and the third is, our learned Countriman Doctor Raynolds his Conference with Hart neuer answered of any Papist to this day, who sheweth how the Popish service is like vnto the Iewish in very manie particulars, and wherein they be more Heathenish, then Iewish.

I am content to have them reade to spare your speech touching the Iewish Service.

So having beene read, the Indge yet wished Sir Christianity to declare openly penly how Paganlike Papilts bee, and as the Heathenish Idolaters in Israel
and Iudah were, and onely
out of the vndoubted Testimonies of Scripture, and
the Apocripha bookes, because those learned Authors had omitted it.

My Lord, I shall (saith Sir Christianity) performe this taske with as great breuity as I may: that this Prisoner (if it be possible) may see how wickedly hee hath dealt with mens soules to set up insteed of Gods Seruice, an Idolatrous, Paganlike Wor-

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God like a Man. b The Idolatrous Israelites had a Queene of Heauen. They had Images of gold and silver, brasse, yron, wood, and stone, and some of clay: some molten, some carued and graven, some portrayed upon walls, and other Pictures. Some were like men, Dan. 3.1. 1 Sam. 5.3.4. and some like Women, Act. 19.27. 2 Macab.

like Beasts, like S. George and the Dragon, Exod. 34. wild. 11.15. They ador-

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mage to some of them very farre, Ier.51.44. expecting some miraculous cure from the Image, Ba-6.41. in entering into their Temples they sprinkled themselues with water, Alters they had of stone, Isa. 65.2. they vsed vaine repetitions in their prayers, Mat. 6.7. They measured their Religion & goodnes thereof by plenty, Ier. 44.7. They had their facrificing Priests, Act. 14.13. and they were shauen Priests, Baruch 6. 31. 32. Sometimes

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times they were of the basest of the people, 1 Kings 12.31. whosoeuer would, might for monie or for monie worth, make himselfe a Priest, I King 12.31. 2 Chron.13.9. And some served for base wages, Judg. 17. They had their Concubines, Baruch 6.11. Hof.4.14. Some of them would weare haire cloathes and torment themselues, 1 King. 18.26.28. Zach. 13. 4. and of a Deuotion in a Will-worship macerate their bodies, punishing & not sparing their bodies, Col. 2.33. Their Teachers taught for hire, Micha 3.11 2 Pet.

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11. For guifts, they would

promise life & peace, Ezek, 13.22. Ier. 23.14.17. In their service they had variety of Musick, Dan. 3. their set holy-daies, Exod. 32.2 King. 13. They had their holy wo. men attending the Idol feruice, Exek. 8.14. working for them, 13.18. 2 King. 23. 7. and prophecying lyes, Ezek.13.22. and were great worshippers of the Queen of heaven, Ier.7.18.6-44 19. They had also their seueral gods for their feueral Countries as Papists have their Saints, 2 King. 17.29. & 18.34. They would pray

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The Ifle of Man. 27 I as would not be like them. They had Brothel houses, Ezek. 16. 24. 2 King. 23.7. 1 King. 15.12,13. 6 14.24. & 22.26. They had amongst them Conjurers, of Wizards, Charmers, Obof Exod.7.11. Ifa.9.13. seruers of times, South-3 Leuit 19.37 fayers, Aftrologers, Starre-Icr 27.9. Dan. 2.4. gazers and fuch like. To Deut.18.10. 8 11.14. these the people resorted 10 & consulted with, 2 King. Dan. 2. 3. į. 1/2 47.13. 21.6. I Sam. 5.2. I Chron. A& 16.17.& r-19.19. 10.13. Heft. 3. 7. 6 9 24. g, Deut.18.14.1/4.19.3.0 47. 9, ad 12,13.Hof.4.12.Ezek.21.21. Ier. 8.17 Act. 8.10. They fa. ccrificed to Nets, and burnt t, incense to Draggs, Hab.1. nch 16. They believed that fome 25

some of their Images were approued of their great God from heaven, Act. 15. 35. They were cruell and bloudily minded against all that were against their Idolatry, Hof. 10.14.6 13. 16.2 King.21.15.16.ludg. 6.30. 2 Chron. 24. 18. 21. The Idolaters in Israel and Iudah brought in the Heathen as Gods plague vpon them to punish them for their Idolatry, 2 Chron. 24.23.6 21. 16,17.0 33.11.0 30.6.10, 17.2 King.17.18.as the Papists have brought the Tutkes vpon the Christian world by their Imagery and

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Generall: & did proue him to be guilty of high-treaso both against the person and the lawes of his Soueraigne. My Lord, (saith he) this fellow under pretence of Religion (for all must be couered with his shadow) hath set vp another spiritutual Head over the church, besides Christ, (euen Antichrist his greatestenemy) as is sufficiently proued. He hath set vp also Mediators of intercession besides Christ: also in his rebellious pride of heart he hath exalted mans Merit, and made him a party Saujour of himselfe, by satisfactory

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& equalleth the same with the Scriptures. 5 He debarred for a long time the translating of Gods Word into a knowne tongue to keepe the people from the vnderstanding thereof. 6 Being enforced at length to translate it, hee hath of purpose done it corruptlie, and with many vncooth & obscure words, hath hidden the truth still, to keepe the people in blindnesse. 7 Yet this their so corrupt and obscure Translation is not admitted indifferently to all, but to some, and to these vnder license, for which they pay money.

money. 8 These parties, though they may read the Scriptures, yet must it bee with the Popes Spectacles, and may not see farther then the false Teacher pleafeth, nor conceiue otherwise of the Sense, then he suggesteth, though the Text be never to cleare of it selfe. 9 They blasphemoully publish that the Scriptures are a Nofe of Wax, a dead letter, someterly Inke, dumbe ludges and a blacke Gospell inkie Dininity and may have one sense one time, and another at another time, according to the Churches state & con-

Caulanus in bis Epist. log. Bobem.

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dition. 10 They set up a corrupt Latine Translation, for as authenticall as the Originalls in the Hebrew and the Greeke. 11 And Lastly, they brought into the Church insteed of the holy Bible a booke of Lyes to be read. Thus is this wicked wretch guilty of High-Treason against our Soueraigne.

Besides that, hee hath counterseited his Maiesties Broad Seale, inuenting new Sacraments neuer of Christs institution, and hath conspired and plotted the death of an innumerable multitude of his Ma-

Maiesties Subiects in a most cruell and bloudy manner, My Lord, he is no way longer to be indured: for wee shall neuer bee at Peace as long as hee may haue liberty to liue; for he is a ranke Traitor to our King and State: an vnderminer of Religion and the true Church of Christ, and an enemie to our peace & welfare in the Common-Wealth.

Gentlemen, (saith the ludge) you of the lury have heard Master Atturnyes witnes, also what both Master, Verity and Sir Christianity have spoken against

against him: now that you have heard the euidence so fully: what say you touching the Prisoner, is he guiltie or no?

Then the foreman in the name of all the rest answereth guilty, my Lord.

Whereupon the Iudge turneth to the Prisoner & saith, Papistry thou hearest what grieuous iniquities, soule and filthy abominations, murthers, and massacres have beene laid to thy charge; thou hast heard the Verdist of these so learned, and well approued Gentlemen, chosen without all partiality to go vpon

vpon thee. And they in their iudgement, vpon their consciences, haue found thee guilty. What canst thou say for thy selfe, that sentence of death should not bee pronounced against thee.

My Lord, the Inrie assured by some meanes or other, else would they never have found me guilty: for our learned men have cited many of these in my behalfe, and therefore I appeale from them to a Generall Counsell, for the Triall of their honestie in this Verdict.

Papistries appeale.

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Vpon this lewd furmife and brazen faced accusation, all the sury fell a murmuring, being much grieued to be taxed of faithles nes and periurie. The worshipfull gentlemen the surstices and Sheriffs began to speak in their behalfe, but the sudge standing vp, staid them and made answer for them.

Papistrie: to be briefe with thee, thou art thamelessy impudent to accuse these worthy Gentlemen: for justly proceeding according to the cleere Euidence to thy face. For thy learned men, they have on-

ly cited the names of some of these, but without their knowledge or confent. Yea, many testimonies they bring vnder their names, which indeed are proued to be counterfeits, abusing their vnaduised Readers in their voiust defence of thee. As for thy Appeale to a Generall Counsell, its but to set a good face vpon an ill cause; for thou knowest that we have long defired a Free General Counsell, but not a gathering together; like the lewd Conventicle of Trent. But art thou not asha-

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ing of these mens verdict to the tryall? We must by them be tried, & not they by vs. By what canst thou trie the Principles of Religion? wilt thou deny them? must Fathers, Councelles, Scriptures & al be brought vnder our Iudgements? Thou haddest no cause to taxe the lurie; if any had bin in fault, it should have been the Witnesses: but canst thou tax Verity of lying, or Christianity of falsehood? As for Mr. Attourney, his speech is no more then your owne words, writings and practife doe testifie. Heare

Heare therefore thy Sentence, iustly deserved before God and men.

Papiftry; thou hast bin indictted by the name of Papiftry, of all these former treasons, rebellions, cospiracies, gun-powder plots, murthers, massacres, falsehood, herefies, Iudaisme & Paganisme, and of that thy detestable Idolatry, and for the same, hast been arraigned, thou hast pleaded not guilty, haft put thy selfe vpon thy triall, and beeing found guilty, hauing no more to fay for thy selfe, this is the Law.

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That thou the Mystery

Papistry condemned

2 Thef. 2.7. Reu. 12.9. & 17.3.0.& 20. 4.& 19.20.

of Iniquitie, with the old Serpent, called the dinel, or Sathanas, thy father, with thy lewde mother, that great whore, drunk with the bloud of the Martyrs of I B S V S, which fitteth vpon a Scarlet-coloured Beaft, as also with that false Prophet the sonne of Perdition, thy guide and gouernour shall bee calt alive where the Dragon is, into the Lake of fire, burning with brimstone, there to be tormented with all thy mar-

ked ones in the presence of

Reu.14.10,11

the holy Angells, and in the presence of the Lamb, without without rest day & night, the smoake of which torment shall ascend up for euer and for euer, without mercy or hope of redemption.

After this Sentence,

there is made an Oyes, and so the Court breaketh vp; the Iudge ariseth, the Iustices and Gentle men attend him, the Sheriffe with the Vnder sheriffe and his seruants going before with the sounding of a Trumpet, and so doe conduct him to his Lodging, and there doe leave him with

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rest and peace.

The Court breaketh